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Shopping scheme to 'boost projects'

A MULTI-MILLION project to build a supermarket will complement other regeneration projects in Dudley, the developers have promised.

Cavendish House, a former Inland Revenue office block, has been branded an eyesore among calls for it to be pulled down. The offices overlook homes in the Kates Hill area of the town alongside Dudley Southern Bypass.

Now plans have been passed to tear down the building to make way for a supermarket bringing 300 jobs and an estimated £44 million turnover.

Developer Cavendish Quarter Properties is behind the scheme.

Director Christopher McPherson said: "The granting of consent is a major step towards removing an eyesore at this prominent approach into the town centre and we can now move forward with more certainty in bringing this excellent opportunity closer to realisation."

"The project will have significant regeneration benefits for the town and will complement the council's other town centre initiatives currently in the pipeline."

Rival schemes including the Porters Field development on the same site are also in the pipeline.

Group given voucher joy

A PLAYGROUP from Brierley Hill has managed to collect thousands of vouchers to fund the purchase of equipment at schools and groups across the borough.

Withymoor Playgroup, in Gayfield Avenue, collected more than 14480 Active Kids vouchers in 2012 making it the biggest fundraiser for Sainsbury's Amblecote and Merry Hill voucher campaign.

Since the Active Projects began in 2005 the stores have managed to raise £764,415 which has gone towards sports equipment for schools in the region.

STUDENTS JOIN DRAGONS' DEN

Fun for some as snow descends

WHILE some people have been caught up in the chaos on the region's roads, residents in Dudley have taken advantage of the icy conditions by enjoying sledding in the snow.

With many of the borough's schools closed, both adults and youngsters have been eager to have some fun outdoors.

Rosie Mullender, aged 12 from Sedgley, was one of those making the most of her time off school.

The youngster was out with her sledge in Himley Park when she came across this snowman built by people who were also enjoying the winter wonderland.

Staff at Dudley Zoo have been continuing with their duties despite the snow, using sledges to transport food for the animals around the 40-acre site.

Endured

The snow leopard, red pandas, tigers and penguins who did not mind the wintry new look to their enclosures.

But it was not all fun and games as 6in of snow fell within 24 hours on Sunday in the Midlands, which was one of the worst affected areas in the country.

Bus services in Dudley were called off at 7pm while cars were caught up in bumper-to-bumper queues and train passengers endured long delays. Operations at Russells Hall Hospital were called off.

Temperatures plunged to -4C (25F) on Monday and are not expected to rise above freezing soon.

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Rosie Mullender, aged 12, from Sedgley gets to know a snowman in Himley Park

by Louise Jew

BUSINESS students will be thrown straight into the "Dragons' Den" – with the launch of a new enterprise academy bearing the name of the programme's star Peter Jones.

Dudley College is celebrating after becoming host to one of only 36 Peter Jones Enterprise Academies in the UK.

The idea is the brainchild of the Dragons' Den star, who launched the first accredited course dedicated to teaching enterprise and entrepreneurship to students.

The course, due to start in September, will focus on supporting young people to set up and run their own business while gaining a qualification.

Mr Jones' vision came about because he wished there had been a similar opportunity around when he was younger.

Bring

He said: "In the current economic climate it is essential that the UK workforce is equipped with the right skills to drive forward economic growth."

"There are still great opportunities to start and grow a business, but if the economy is to continue to grow, we need to instil an 'I can' attitude into the next generation at an early age."

The idea is to bring the boardroom into the classroom.

The course incorporates work placements, master classes, workshops, business surgeries and networking events led by entrepreneurs and business leaders, as well as opportunities to work on regional and national business challenges. Students



Dragons' Den Peter Jones

learn not only about setting up a business, but also skills such as how to behave in the working environment.

They are also expected to be in full business dress and attend college from 9am – 5pm, just as they would in the workplace.

The college's business enterprise manager, Victoria Greave, said: "We are extremely pleased to have secured the prestigious status of being the only Peter Jones Enterprise Academy in the region."

"To become an academy our enterprise team went head to head with other colleges to prove how good we are and, in true Dragons' Den style, pitch for our place."

"The academy brings a unique learning experience where students gain their qualification through both hands-on experience and classroom activities; it's a fantastic opportunity for young people within the region to achieve their ambitions."

Hygiene case after pizza firm inspection

A DUDLEY pizza firm has been handed a £7,334 court bill after admitting to a number of dangerous hygiene offences.

Mohammed Hassani, owner of Godfather Pizzeria, Stourbridge Road, pleaded guilty to 11 offences at Dudley magistrates court. Food inspections were carried out by council environmental health officers in December 2011 and June 2012.

They found offences that Hassani had been failing to keep food premises clean and in good repair, failing to keep equipment clean, failing to store raw ingredients appropriately and failing to ensure that food handlers were trained.

Dudley magistrates fined the company £3,200 and ordered it to pay £4,134 costs at the hearing on January 10.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "People have a right to expect the highest standards of cleanliness when they eat out."

"We offer help and advice to companies on maintaining this high standard, but will not hesitate to prosecute those who continually fail to comply with the law."

Welcome for health centre

A £6 MILLION plan for a health centre in Lye will bring a welcome boost to the town, a senior councillor says.

Proposals for the development on land between Jackson Street and Clinic Drive have been recommended for approval by council planners.

More than 30 jobs could be created at the centre which will house GP surgeries and provide specialist treatments. Ward councillor Pete Lowe said it would help to regenerate the area.

He said: "This is welcome news. The scheme has been in the planning stage for some time."

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Snow helps police to track down suspects

THE snow that brought chaos across Dudley borough also gave joy to some and a bit of help to police.

A dog's snowy paw prints led police on a mile-long journey to the home of two suspected metal thieves after a gas meter was snatched from the front of a Coseley house.

A resident heard a noise and opened the curtains to see two men and a dog running from the front of his house in Langley Avenue on Friday.

He realised the gas meter had been ripped clear of the mains and the pipework had been stolen.

Police followed footprints in the snow, which ran parallel with a dog's paw prints, along residential streets and playing fields for over a mile.

After following the tracks right up to the front door of a house, police entered the property and found two men and a dog inside.

Both men, aged 21 and 33, arrested on suspicion of theft were released on police bail pending further inquiries.

Sgt James Jones from Brierley Hill police, said: "The fact that we knew we were looking for the specific tracks of two people and a dog meant officers were able to establish exactly which prints to follow."

Smashed

After cars were pelted with bricks in Sedgley police were able to catch one teenage suspect by following footprints in the snow.

Windows were smashed and one vehicle was overturned by a gang of youths in Bilston Street, Sedgley. Police arrested a 17-year-old after officers followed tracks in the snow at around 11.10pm on Thursday.

Police said bricks were thrown at a small number of cars, including a private hire taxi smashing windows.

The driver was uninjured during the incident, near to the Beacon Hotel. A car was also turned onto its side in nearby Dormston Drive.

Sgt Rob Simpson, who covers the Sedgley neighbourhood, said: "The quick response of officers in the area meant we were able to arrest a lad nearby for the damage."

One resident had his van kicked and dented. The 58-year-old, who did want to be named for fear of reprisals, said: "The little hooligans were causing havoc all the way down the road."

The teenager was released on police bail pending further inquiries. Witnesses should call 101.

A number of schools in the borough were closed and operations at Russells Hall Hospital were cancelled. Buses services were hit.

Bosses at the Black Country Living Museum, Tipton Road Dudley, opted to keep it closed.

Assistant visitor services manager John Ryan said: "It would



Snowed in ... a view of Kniver from St Peter's Church looking down at The Cross Inn Picture: Alan Evans



Two year old tigers Daseep and Tschuna play in the snow at Dudley Zoological Gardens

have been too hazardous for both visitors and staff to open the site. We just could not take the risk."

But Dudley Zoo remained open and its tigers Daseep and Tschuna enjoyed their first taste of Black Country snow.

A meeting due to be to outline a campaign group's plans to save Dudley Hippodrome from demolition was postponed. It had been due

to take place at the Station Hotel, opposite the threatened venue.

Since Friday, volunteers from the West Midlands 4x4 Response Group have been called out to help on more than 130 occasions.

The team use their 4x4 off road vehicles to help out the emergency services to rescue those who are in trouble, and to transport medical and support staff around the region.



Tim Childe, of Halesowen, from West Midlands 4x4 Response



Getting along the snow on Brierley Hill High Street



Enjoying the snow at Himey Lucas Drummond, aged six being pulled by grandfather Stephen Iles

Group chairman Simon Brothwood said responders had been sent as far afield as North Staffs, Burton, Hednesford, as well as the Women's Hospital in Birmingham.

He said: "We have had in excess of 400 phone calls. I would like to think that we have made a bit of a difference, not just getting staff to and from work, but with the critical care services."

Recycling firm gives pledge to residents

BOSSSES at a firm hoping to open a waste recycling plant in Brierley Hill have made a vow to concerned people living near the site.

They have said there would be no night-time deliveries to the site off Moor Street, if the plans were approved.

The plant, which would be operated by Clean Power, would turn waste into gas to generate electricity for up to 8,000 homes. It would employ up to 30 people.

There has been strong opposition from people living nearby. More than 200 letters were sent to Dudley Council opposing the planning application. More traffic and noise are feared.

In response, bosses said there would be no night-time deliveries to the site, if the plans were approved.

Clean Power made the pledge before a second public consultation at William Street Church and Community Centre this week.

The firm delivered 4,000 leaflets advertising the event. Spokesman Gavin Miller said: "There have been some misconceptions about noise and odour from the site and we want to answer people's concerns."

"We made a condition for no night-time deliveries after listening to what people told us."

Road victim improving

THE condition of a Dudley man who was knocked out in an alleged road rage attack was continuing to improve this week.

Paul Currie, aged 40, of Holly Hall, was due to be moved from the critical care unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, where he had surgery after being injured in Newland Grove, Holly Hall.

Samuel Pagett, aged 25, of Cot Lane, Kingswinford, has been charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm and is due to appear at crown court on April 9.

Leaver taken on

A HALESOWEN College leaver has won an appointment as a trainee with a firm of city accountants.

Sukdeep Siottha has joined the Edgbaston-based JW Hinks chartered accountants in Birmingham. He is now taking his AAT course.

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Mourning as teacher dies at 55

PUPILS and staff at a Kingswinford special school are mourning after a well-loved teacher died at the age of 55.

Mark Skelding taught at the Briar School, Bromley Lane, for 18 years.

Mr Skelding, of Meddins Lane, Kinver, leaves his wife, Catherine, sons James and Joshua, two grandchildren, and his mother, Margaret.

He had been a teacher for a total of 34 years and previously worked at Holly Lodge School in Smethwick.

Russell Hinton, headteacher at Briar School, said: "All of the children, staff and governors are deeply saddened at the death of Mr Skelding."

"He has been an extremely popular teacher with both staff and pupils for the past 18 years and our thoughts and sympathies are with his family."

Mr Skelding died on January 8 at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. An inquest will be held.

The funeral will be held on Friday at Stourbridge Crematorium at 11am.

A new local hero award

A LANDSCAPE gardener from Halesowen who created Leasowes Park is to be honoured by having an award named after him.

It is part of the 10th anniversary of the Mayor's Civic Awards that honour unsung heroes across Dudley. To mark the milestone the William Shenstone award for environment, in honour of the poet who inherited farmland which he transformed into a diverse landscape in the 18th century.

Nominations for this year's awards are open until February 18. People can nominate online at www.dudley.gov.uk or get a form from borough libraries from early next week.

Support given for pizza plan

PLANS for a pizza shop in Halesowen has received support from the community. A petition with more than 100 signatures has backed the planning application for the empty shop in Hurst Green Shopping Centre, Woodbury Road.

Havne Farm Shops had operated from the store. Dudley Council will make a decision next month.

Tributes paid after death of choir founder



Choir member Brian Porter

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former teacher and choir founder member who has died at the age of 81.

Brian Porter sang with Cradley Heath's Voices in Harmony.

He had been with them since they were founded in 1997 and was today described as "caring, loving and loyal" by relatives and friends.

Mr Porter, of Halesowen, had taken part in the choir's first public event. This was a performance of Handel's Messiah in West

Bromwich Town Hall with the Sandwell Youth Orchestra during the same year.

He had vowed to continue performing with the choir for as long as he could but the rehearsal following the Festival of Remembrance in November was his final one as he was taken ill shortly afterwards.

During his working life Mr Porter was a teacher and held posts at Woodgate Primary and Woodcock Hill Primary Schools, both in Bartley Green, Birmingham.

Among his hobbies was ballroom, country and line dancing and he attended sessions every week with his wife of 58 years, Lorna.

He was also a keen rambler and would go for a three to five-mile walk every Monday with a group of walkers.

Mr Porter leaves a wife, Lorna, son Kevin and three grandchildren.

Paying tribute to her husband, Mrs Porter said: "He was a caring and loving husband, father and grandfather." Choir musical direc-

tor Stephen Bradley said "Brian loved to sing and he had been a loyal member for all the choir's 16 years and will be sorely missed."

Members of Voices in Harmony choir, which has around 70 members, sang 'Abide with Me' at his funeral, which was held at Stourbridge Crematorium.

Family and friends attending the funeral made donations to The Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK and The Foundation for Sudden Infant Deaths.

Court bans prolific thief from stores in borough

Centre is looking for more helpers

A RECRUITMENT drive for volunteers to help raise funds for an adventure centre in Dudley has been launched.

The Friends of Sycamore Adventure are appealing for extra members.

The group is made up of parents and professionals who have an interest in the future development of the site, which is on Old Park Farm Estate.

The group raises funds on behalf of the centre and can be involved in decision making.

People who can contribute a few hours per month are invited to attend a coffee morning which will be held at 9.30am on January 30.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "Sycamore Adventure is an amazing place for children of all ages and abilities and thousands of Dudley children enjoy playing there."

Drop in Sycamore Adventure, call 01384 813755, or text 07827 858577.



Will Gannicliff senior player ranger and Keith Rogers play service manager

A PROLIFIC shoplifter has been banned from entering any Spar, Boots or Co-op store across the Dudley borough for the next two years. Leaflets featuring Richard Lawley's image are to be distributed in the area.

Anyone who spots him acting suspiciously is asked to call police.

Dudley magistrates were told Lawley, aged 33, was arrested outside Boots at the Merry Hill centre on January 3 as he tried to walk out with aftershave worth £86.50.

Lawley, of no fixed address, went on to be charged with two thefts from Spar on High Street, Lye.

On September 30 he stole £42.68 worth of cheese and bacon and on October 5 he took chicken and sausages worth £15, the court heard.

On December 12, he also took power tools worth £19.99 from Home Bargains in Brierley Hill, the court was told.

Punishment

He admitted all the offences and magistrates sentenced him to 40 weeks in jail.

They also handed him a Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Order (Crasbo) which prohibits him from entering any Spar, Boots and Co-operative store in Dudley borough.

Pc Lydia Howard of Dudley's Offender Management team, said: "Lawley is



Richard Lawley - banned

now in prison serving his sentence, but as soon as he is released his Crasbo will be in place and the restrictions prohibiting him entering the stores will be implemented.

"Should he try ignoring the bans, he'll be arrested and put before the court and face further punishment."

She added: "Leaflets featuring his image will also be distributed locally making everyone aware of his Crasbo and I'd encourage anyone who spots Lawley doing anything he shouldn't be to contact Dudley Police by calling 101."

House plan at shop site

AN EMPTY shop in Halesowen will be turned into a house, under plans submitted to Dudley Council. The owner of the shop in Long Lane lives next door and wants to combine the two properties into one house. He says the property would provide a suitable home for his large extended family. The shop has been empty for the past two years.

NEWS in brief

Trust looking for new governors

DUDLEY'S hospital trust is on the look out for new governors.

There are vacancies in the public constituencies of Central Dudley and the Rest of the West Midlands. Those elected will sit on the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's council of governors, which oversees health care.

People can find out more about being a governor by contacting Helen Board on 01384 321124 or email foundationmembers@dgh.nhs.uk

Patient panel is being launched

A NEW patient panel is being launched in Wyre Forest to give people the chance to have their say on the district's health services.

Members are being recruited for the Patient & Public Involvement scheme. It is being set up by the Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group, which is holding a public meeting on February 5 between 9am and noon at Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster. Contact Harpreet Gill on 01562 513559.

College campus to hold open day

HALESOWEN College will be holding an open day on January 26 when it will be promoting its new free bus routes and £3 million block 10.

The block was commissioned to house travel and tourism, veterinary nursing, an active learning zone and facilities for students with learning difficulties. The open day is at the Whittingham Road site runs from 10am to 4pm.

Two watches are stolen in burglary

BURGLARS have stolen two watches from a house in Blakedown, near Kidderminster.

The garage door was forced to gain entry and jewellery stolen included a £250 ladies Gucci watch, and a £100 Guess watch. Witnesses or anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting incident 616-s-140113.

Rotary raise cash

STOURBRIDGE Rotary Club is celebrating after raising £2,850 for charity during a collection over the Christmas at Morrisons supermarket in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford.

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SOME weeks ago I warned readers to watch out for hard objects while eating pheasant. They could be lead shot. It might also be wise to watch out for hard objects while eating beefburgers. They could be horseshoes.

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I WANTED a DVD of a classic drama series. Even a dinosaur like me knows there are two ways to do this. The first is to get up, get the car started, drive into town, find a parking place, buy a parking ticket, make your way to the DVD shop, avoiding the Big Issue sellers and charity muggers, find the DVD is out of stock and ask the shop staff if they can get you a copy. If they can, then you repeat the entire procedure a few days later and pay way over the odds for the DVD, plus £4 or so for the parking. The other way is to go online, buy the DVD at eBay for half the high-street price and get it delivered to your door by an obliging Portuguese courier who calls you Mr Road-ez. The wonder is not that HMV have gone bust but that their chain of town-centre shops lasted so long. The high street as we know it is doomed and the sooner we start turning department stores into apartments and houses, the better.

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MEANWHILE, a reader who enjoys the old-fashioned shopping experience tells me in one store he was invited to "pre-order" a book. He muses, what is the difference between pre-ordering and simply ordering?

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HERE we go again. Yet another reader joins the growing ranks of people who, soon after encountering the NHS, get unsolicited contacts from private companies. She's a middle-aged lady who discovered at a routine blood test just before Christmas that her cholesterol was alarmingly high. Sure enough, three weeks later she was contacted by a health screening company which had already fixed a local appointment for her. She says it's either "a massive coincidence or something very fishy." Having had dozens of similar reports from readers, I think we can dismiss the coincidence line. My suspicion is that some employees of the NHS routinely sell private information.

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A FREEZE on recruitment has created a nationwide shortage of police officers aged under 26, prompting one police commissioner to express fears about "the need to engage with younger people." Really? I seem to recall when I was a teenager and a young driver, the best sort of engaging came from older, wiser officers. The ones in their early 20s were more like school bullies.

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TWIN brothers in Belgium were born deaf. At the age of 45 they were told they were both going blind. Unable to face the prospect, they asked to be put to death under Belgium's euthanasia laws, even though neither fitted the legal demand of being terminally ill or in pain. It was reported this week that they died of lethal injection on December 14. Has this case shocked Belgians into rethinking the law? Not at all. Under a new amendment, euthanasia will soon be available for children and Alzheimer's sufferers. When British enthusiasts for euthanasia talk blithely about "safeguards," just look across the North Sea and shudder.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Congestion fears will not end parking

ON-STREET parking will remain along a busy route into Stourbridge town centre despite concerns over traffic congestion. Double yellow lines were painted in Birmingham Street two years ago.

They were removed when temporary bus stops were introduced during the redevelopment of Stourbridge Bus Station. Birmingham Street leads drivers to the town's

ring road. Concerns were raised by residents that workers clogged the bustling dual carriageway by parking up for free each day.

The original double yellow lines were introduced in a scheme which banned parking on 68 roads around the town centre.

They were introduced to combat issues such as congested roads and workers parking near residents'

homes all day. Passengers queued up at around six stops along the high street as services moved out of the station during the works.

The £7million project was completed last April. It had been expected double yellow lines would return once the temporary bus stops and shelters were removed.

Margaret Scott, chairman of watchdog group Stourbridge Town-

ship Council said: "People are always going to park up and walk into town for free if there is the opportunity rather than using the council car parks.

"This parking can make the roads quite narrow but we shall just have to see if they come back."

But ward councillor Pete Lowe said it was unlikely the parking bans would return.

£100,000 bar will boost town, says businessman

THE owner of an indoor market in Dudley High Street said his plans for a £100,000 bar will bring a welcome boost to the town.

Businessman Tony Swannie has secured council permission from council for the bar to be created in the basement of his market premises. The old storage area will be converted into the bar creating a number of jobs with a new

entrance off King Street.

He has owned Plaza Malls, in the converted former Woolworths store, High Street, for four years.

A fitness and karate centre has already been created in the upper floor.

Permission was granted by Dudley Council officers to convert the lower ground floor after they backed the redevelopment programme.

Mr Swannie said he had reached agreement with an as yet unnamed operator for the bar and he hoped it would open by March.

"This could become a real hub in the centre of Dudley with the bar, the stores and the leisure facilities," he said.

MP in call for a new industrial revolution

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has called for a new industrial revolution to attract extra investment and jobs to the region.

He said the West Midlands needed to boost skills to bring new jobs in growth areas like low carbon industries, advanced manufacturing, bio-technologies and digital media.

Mr Austin also called for the new high speed trains planned for the HS2 line from the Midlands to London to run from a new terminal in the Black Country, near the M5/M6 junction.

The MP said that the region's economic problems would not be sorted out until transport infrastructure was improved and the Government took concerted action to increase business lending.

He called for a renewed focus on education and skills with more technical apprenticeships, during his speech in the House of Commons.

"Instead of looking backwards we've got to create a new industrial revolution to bring new business, new investment and new jobs to the region," he said.

Fantastic

"We believe it will bring a boost to the town as it is a new business with job opportunities. It is fantastic news that we were granted permission as this should be providing a good night out and entertainment."

He added: "The Plaza Mall is just a way for getting traders back onto the high street which is what is needed at the moment."

He said the open-plan bar would allow the venue to stage live music.

In a report, council planners said: "The use has a positive role in supporting the overall function, vitality and viability of Dudley Town Centre by bringing back into use vacant premises, which would contribute to the night-time economy."

Mr Swannie opened his first base in Halesowen in 2008 which has 26 pitches.

Bands help college to evolve



Audio Disease, from Dudley, perform at the rock event at the new Evolve building

A MUSIC extravaganza was staged to show off state-of-the-art facilities at Dudley College's new Evolve centre.

The live stage event, which coincided with the college's open day, saw local bands performing at the new training centre in Tower Street.

There was also a demo clinic for potential young bands to get expert advice and opinions from Kerrang DJ Alex Baker.

The showcase, hosted by Matt Stocks from Kerrang, attracted hundreds of people.

"It's been absolutely brilliant," said Jane Williams, the college's



The audience enjoys one of the bands at the rock event

strategic marketing manager. Groups in the line-up included Caught, The Mighty Young, Audio Disease and DRAG. The new Evolve Centre,

Rubbish dumpers handed out fines

THREE people have landed court bills totalling £2,120 for waste offences in the Dudley borough.

All three were prosecuted by Dudley Council at Dudley Magistrates' Court.

Lana Cherrington, 24, of Occupation Street, Dudley, failed to remove a skip full of rubbish from outside her home last May following complaints it had been there for several months.

She was served with a notice ordering her to move it but failed to act. Magistrates fined her £500 and she was also told to pay £290 costs, £180 compensation and £15 victim surcharge.

In a separate case, Lindsey Forsyth, aged 26, of Hill Street, Netherton, was taken to court because of the amount of rubbish in her back garden.

She failed to move it in July last year despite a legal notice. She was fined £500 and ordered to pay £290 costs, £180 compensation and £15 victim surcharge.

In a third case, 38-year-old Edward Stewart, of Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, admitted dumping waste on the car park of the former White Lion pub, Netherton.

He was caught by council officers last July last.

He was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £150 costs.

All three appeared in court on January 10.

Schools cash in with the Co-op

FOUR Kingswinford primary schools have received donations from a supermarket chain after shoppers cast their vote.

Shoppers at the Midcounties Co-operative, Kingswinford High Street, voted in the Community Choices.

They were able to suggest worthy recipients of a £3,000 charity pot. Glynne was awarded £1,200, the highest share. St Mary's C of E, Dawley Brook and Blanford Mere received £900, £600 and £300 respectively.

Taxi nominations

DUDLEY Council has launched the annual Taxi Base of the Year award to celebrate the level of service provided by taxi companies. To nominate firms visit www.dudley.gov.uk/business to nominate, or download a form and send it to 5 Ednam Road, Dudley, DY1 1HL, before February 19.

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Planning warning to bar bosses

COUNCIL bosses have issued a warning to bar owners to ensure they have the appropriate planning permission for their businesses.

Dudley Council's planning enforcement team, which works to ensure premises comply with planning regulations, has sent out the warning following a recent prosecution.

A Kingswinford bar owner who flouted enforcement notices on three occasions was landed with a court bill in excess of £6,000 when he appeared before Wolverhampton Crown Court last month.

Following a three-day trial, Jimmy Lee was fined £2,000 and £4,000 costs after being found guilty of failing to comply with an enforcement notice on three occasions.

At the time Lee was running the Alter Ego bar in Kingswinford High Street. He had consent to run a restaurant or café but the enforcement team were informed that the premises was being run as a wine bar.

Have a say on housing

RESIDENTS are being asked to have their say on housing services in the Dudley borough to help shape future developments.

The council wants views on a new draft housing strategy which has been published as part of an ongoing consultation.

It sets out how the council aims to meet the housing needs of people living in the borough.

The authority says some of the key challenges include an increasing older population and a high demand for affordable housing. It also wants to make homes more energy efficient.

A summary of the strategy and a questionnaire are available on the council's database which can be found at www.dudley.gov.uk/community/.

Helping families

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council is offering support to Wyre Forest families who want to spend more time together. The county's Family Information Service can provide ideas for activities and places to visit.

A family activities booklet is available by emailing: familyinfo@worcestershires.gov.uk, visiting www.worcestershires.gov.uk/familyinfo or calling 01905 822666.

Cost-cutting single library scheme shelved

COST-cutting proposals to create a single Black Countrywide library service have been shelved by council bosses.

Talks on a possible merger had been taking place between Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell councils in a bid to save more than £1 million a year.

They have now decided not to press ahead with the plans to share back office functions for a combined service as each council had different priorities.

A single management structure would have been in place across the area under the plans. Dudley Council still needs to find savings of £347,000 in 2013/14, which could lead to

redundancies. Dudley Council is now looking at reducing staffing levels in the libraries, archives and adult learning department to find £75,000 of the shortfall, says a report by adult services director Andrea Pope-Smith. Further proposals to find the remaining savings are being drawn up. The report said: "To meet the identified savings there will be a requirement to reduce staffing level."

"However, it is not possible to state at this stage exactly how that will be achieved as we are currently in the process of consulting with employees over a number of options."

Although plans for a single service have been dropped for now, councils said they

would all continue to work together in some areas to help reduce costs.

Wolverhampton City Council has already overhauled its library service as part of proposals to save £1m. Bosses decided Finchfield, East Park, Low Hill, Whitmore Reans and Penn libraries would remain open as usual. Others at Warstones, Ashmore Park and Spring Vale will be moved elsewhere, while Collingwood Library, Bushbury will be relocated as a self-service facility.

In Walsall, cost-cutting measures such as a review of book stocks and new technology have been put in place as part of plans to save £140,000 from the library service in the next

three years. Sandwell councillor Linda Horton said: "It was decided by the councils to move away from a single Black Country library service as each have their own priorities. Instead, it was decided to work on co-operative arrangements, like book purchasing contract arrangements, that will ultimately help to reduce costs."

Wolverhampton's assistant director for leisure, Rob Willoughby, said: "Black Country Libraries in Partnership, the group headed by the library service heads for Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton, will continue to meet on a monthly basis to initiate collaborative working."

Health bosses apologise for failure over baby tragedy



Tragic baby Brook

DUDLEY health chiefs have apologised to the parents of a baby girl who died after care "fell below the high standard" expected at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Gemma Peters and Liam Greenfield, from Netherton, had criticised staff following complications during the birth of their daughter Brook.

The newborn had suffered brain damage and died three days after she was born on July 14, 2011.

Her parents have now taken out a medical negligence case against the hospital, which claims there were "failings in care which led to death."

Chief executive Paula Clark said a thorough investigation had taken place and "lessons have been learned" following the death of the newborn.

She added: "First and foremost we would like to offer our most sincere condolences to Gemma Peters on the sad loss of her baby, Brook."

"Safety is always our top priority and we offer our heartfelt apologies that the care provided in this case fell below the high standard we provide each day for our patients."

"A thorough investigation was carried out and lessons have been learned and appropriate actions taken to help ensure a tragic incident such as this does not happen again."

Midwives

Miss Peters, aged 26, claimed she was left in agony as her baby's head became stuck for more than an hour-and-a-half during the birth and by the time midwives delivered Brook, she was floppy and unresponsive. She said the umbilical cord was knotted around her neck.

Brook was transferred to the neonatal unit where, despite the best efforts of doctors, it was found she had suffered irreversible brain damage.

"I was distraught and upset and couldn't believe what had happened as the pregnancy had gone so well up until then," said Miss Peters, of Lodge Crescent.

The couple said they were advised that nothing more could be done and the devastating decision was taken to switch off life support.

The couple have lodged a formal complaint with the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.



Gemma Peters and Liam Greenfield with pictures of their tragic baby Brook

NEWS in brief

Leisure centre is upgrading lockers

NEW lockers are being installed at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre as part of a £33,000 project.

Dudley Council is investing in new token operated lockers at the Bell Street centre.

The leisure pool and locker area will be closed from January 21 to 24 and will reopen on January 25 once the installation of the lockers has been completed. Other facilities at the centre, including the 25-metre pool, will be open as usual.

Playground looks to boost friends

AN adventure playground in Dudley is recruiting members to join its friends group.

The Friends of Sycamore Adventure are holding a coffee morning on January 30.

Refreshments will be available from 9.30am.

People need to confirm their attendance by either dropping into Sycamore Adventure, Old Park Farm Estate, calling 01384 813755 or texting 07827 858577.

Raiders strike at garages and sheds

FOUR sheds and garages have been broken into in Neville Avenue and Blount Terrace and two more on the other side of Kidderminster.

Four buildings had been broken into in the area, with padlocks cut off and garage doors forced. A tin roof was prised off a shed.

While a shed was broken into in Highfield Road and a £100 Carerra Kraken mountain bike stolen.

Children's show on town hall stage

KIDDERMINSTER Town Hall will be staging a children's show blending music, puppetry and storytelling.

How to Catch a Star is based on the picture book by Oliver Jeffers and will be playing on January 26.

The show starts at midday. Tickets cost £3.50 each or £12 for a family ticket.

Deer is rescued

FIREFIGHTERS had to use specialist equipment to rescue a baby deer after it fell into the freezing canal at Stourport.

Crews were called to the stretch of the canal near to the Lidl store last week.

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NEWS

Mayor's awards ready to mark 10th anniversary

THE Mayor Dudley's Civic Awards, which recognises those who have contributed most to their communities, will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

The awards give people the chance to highlight those working tirelessly in their communities.

To mark the milestone a new category has been added - the William Shenstone award for environment, in honour of the famous landscape gardener, who created The Leasowes park in Halesowen.

It will join the four other categories which are also named after the borough's greats, including Duncan Edwards award for sport, the Cedric Hardwicke award for arts, the Frank Foley award for community spirit and the Thomas Attwood award for education.

There will also be a sixth trophy up for grabs, the Mayor's Award, which will be decided by a public vote next month. Mayor, Councillor Melvyn Mottram will nominate four people for this award.

Last year's winner was Ros Bratt-Wynton, who helped set up the Georgina Unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital in 1998. She has since helped raise millions of pounds through the appeal fund.

A judging panel will decide the other four categories. Nominations for this year's awards are now open and people will be able to put names forward until February 18.

Councillor Mottram said: "As Mayor of Dudley I've been fortunate to meet people who do amazing things."

People can nominate online at www.dudley.gov.uk or pick up a form from libraries this week.

Folklore and traditions

DR COLIN Harris will speak about folklore, customs and traditions at the next meeting of Wordsley History Society on February 14.

It will be held at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Wordsley Green. The society welcomes new members and visitors, at a cost of £2, including refreshments.

Calendar claims Beacon



Beryl Wilkes with the 2013 Coseley Calendar featuring Sedgley Beacon

A CALENDAR is claiming a Black Country landmark as its own in what could be a controversial move.

Coseley Calendar - an annual labour of love by historian Beryl Wilkes and her son John - lays claim to Grade II monument Sedgley Beacon and the hill for its front cover. It reveals that, after Coseley gained independence from Sedgley, in whose district it used to lie, the beacon moved with it.

"I won't stick my neck out as far as saying it should be called Coseley Beacon but it is just over the border into our district," said Beryl. Mrs Wilkes, aged 79, of The Paddock, Coseley, has been producing the Coseley Calendar since 2000 with her son.

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NEWS

Archive's next phase



Dudley councillor Judy Foster, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed and Alex Patrick-Smith

THE new £6million archives and local history centre in Dudley has moved into its next phase.

Ketley Brick, based in Pensnett, has been selected to supply all of the striking blue bricks being used at the Tipton Road site.

The building, which is on track to be completed this summer, will house IT and public Wi-Fi services, education and conference rooms, a rare books library and research area, a well-equipped search room and car parking. It will also offer activities for people, local community groups, schools and colleges.

Contractor G F Tomlinson began work on the centre in April last year.

It is being part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, as part of the redevelopment of the Castle Hill area of Dudley.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "We are delighted to be supporting a long standing local business."

Alex Patrick-Smith, managing director, of Ketley Brick, said: "We are pleased to be associated with such a prestigious local project."

Vandals may have ripped up memorial to Michelle

A TREE planted as a memorial to a mother who died after a battle with cancer has been torn up by its roots and stolen, bringing new heartbreak to her family.

It is thought the memorial, evergreen oak, planted in a Stourbridge park for 42-year-old Michelle Lockley, was either destroyed by vandals or taken by thieves wanting it for their garden.

Michelle's aunt, Sharon Gilson-Pinches, said: "It's so despicable and I can't understand the mentality of anyone who could do this - the whole family is extremely upset and angry."

"The plaque clearly stated that this tree was in loving memory of a youngish woman who only passed away 12 months ago."

Mrs Lockley, of Stamford Road, Brierley Hill, died in Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice in November 2011.

Soon afterwards, the tree was planted near the bandstand in Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, where Mrs Lockley enjoyed going with her sons, Kyle, now 21, and Rhys, who is 19.

Mrs Sharon Gilson-Pinches, 53, who lives in Wellington, Telford, said: "I think someone may have taken a fancy to the tree for their own garden but even if it was uprooted and burned by vandals, rather than



Michelle Lockley

stolen, it is of no comfort to the family."

Sgt Keith Pagan said: "Our inquiries suggest the tree was possibly removed by vandals at the same time as some fencing was set alight in the bandstand area of the park on December 11. We believe the remains of the tree were found the following morning."

Mrs Lockley was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2007. After treatment, she was given the all-clear but cancer returned, in her liver and lungs.

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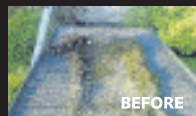
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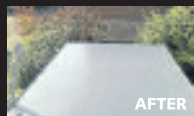
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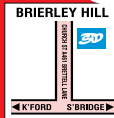
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The pot is actually a bottomless pit, the money we have paid is not saved for us at all, but used for whatever the gov-

ernment of the time wants to do with it - it is just another tax, and worse it is a giant con trick which most people are taken in by. All that extra money should be there for us as we paid it in good faith. No government of whichever party has the right to take contributions from our wages to spend on other than what we were told it was for.

RON GWILLIAMS
Salcombe Drive, Brierley Hill

Animal welfare the top priority

ALTHOUGH the new features planned for Dudley Zoo are probably a good idea, I think some considerations should also be given to its residents. Larger or at least enhanced enclosures, especially for the big cats and bear, could make a significant difference to these animals who spend their lives there. Obviously the zoo needs to make a profit but creatures' welfare should be a priority.

ROSEMARY DODD
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What happened?

WHILST I have always known Wolverhampton was a hive of industry, until I read the Festival of Britain (1951) memorial booklet in Beattie's Heritage Room, I was astounded to what extent it contributed to the nation's wealth at that time. Villiers, Goodyears, ECC, Courtaulds, Star Aluminium, Brockhouse, Gibbons, Butlers, Boulton Paul, Qualcast, Chubb, Ever Ready, Meadows, Guy Motors and Turner are just a sample of the major companies - whatever happened?

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Thank you from the bottom of my heart

MAY I please thank the kind person who handed my key into the butcher's shop by the crossing in Sedgley, just before Christmas week.

A kind gentleman told me he had seen someone pick my key up on the crossing, he saw me looking for my key in my handbag, by the time my sister and I dashed back the person had gone.

Inside my car were seven wreaths to take to Bilston Cemetery for members of our family, this I do every Christmas, and to me it is important and my first priority. I live in Shropshire and had gone to Sedgley first to take one to St Chad's Church in Sedgley for my brother.

After asking my brother-in-law, who I telephoned to ask the best way to go about it, he suggested I go to the shops that were near the crossing (prior to calling him, I had been to the police station in Sedgley, where you ring a buzzer, and a voice answers, so that was of no use, we have lost the old and best way by speaking to someone on the counter).

Luckily the first call was the butcher's, and yes the good samaritan had handed my key in, so after nearly two hours of panic, we continued our journey. I would like to thank that kind person from the bottom of my heart.

MRS REGINE PARKINSON,
Priorslee Village, Telford

Parking fees threaten town

WHAT on earth are the councillors trying to do to Cradley Heath? Not content with ripping the heart out of a thriving town by allowing Tesco to open a large super-

market, they are now making the car parks into pay-and-display! This will only have one result: more people using the supermarket (where the parking is free) and fewer people in the town. The market will be lucky to survive, as will those shops still trading so any monetary gain from parking fees will be offset by loss of business rates. Any more bright ideas?

MR S TURLEY
Sandringham Road
Worsley

Wonderful person

ON Tuesday of last week, I slipped on ice and fell between two cars. A young lady pushing a toddler came to help me. This kind person, who I believe lived locally was a nurse at New Cross Hospital, helped me get into my car. She also posted my letters. Can anyone help me to find who this wonderful person is?

MR M BROWN
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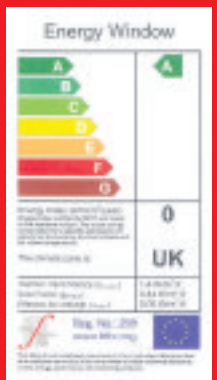
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NEWS

Slumped bus driver had drunk a bottle of vodka

Shop to support hospice



Business manager Simon Henwood and Gail Phillips, the senior shops manager, in the Mary Stevens Hospice shop, Brierley Hill High Street

VOLUNTEERS have celebrated the opening of a new charity store supporting Mary Stevens Hospice

The premises in Brierley Hill High Street to complement its original store. The new shop will stock a range of designer clothing and goods donated from supporters.

The hospice will continue to keep open its other store in the High Street for furniture and homeware items. Simon Hendwood, from the

Stourbridge-based hospice, said the new store will be more accessible to shoppers.

"This store is only on a single level making it easier for people to get around," he said.

"We are really pleased to have opened the store. It will sell some different styles to the existing store and will also be fed with lines from the distribution centre at the rear of the market."

A BUS driver from Lye who was two and a half times the drink-drive limit after consuming a bottle of vodka the day before her morning shift has received a suspended prison sentence.

Sheryl Williams had not eaten anything for six days before she drove a Denis Dart Bus around Cannock for almost three hours on January 2.

She began work at 6.30am and was said to be "in a good mood" by her manager at Hanson's bus company, but by 9.20am police had received a report that a bus driver had collapsed while driving.

The only passenger on Williams' bus, which was in Mill Lane at the time, had phoned an ambulance after Williams stopped the bus and was ill by the roadside.

The 43-year-old, of High Street, was taken to Russells Hall Hospital and after being breathalysed was arrested by police, who measured she had 91 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

Sorry

Mr John Peel told Cannock Magistrates' Court: "She said she had not eaten for six days and had consumed a small bottle of vodka on January 1. She said she was very sorry for being over the limit and is very disappointed in herself."

She has since lost her job at Hanson's. Mr Robert Perry, defending, said she had never been in trouble before during her five-and-a-half year employment with the bus firm and called the incident "a moment of madness".

"Two years ago her partner suffered a stroke and she continued doing 12 hour shifts while caring for him at home," he added. "She had an argument with her partner and had a drink."

"She feels extremely remorseful for what's happened. She'd come to the end of her tether and this was clearly a one-off."

Williams pleaded guilty to driving when over the limit and was given an eight-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months.

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NEWS

Chapel plan funding is closer thanks to grant

A £1.15MILLION project to restore a Grade II listed building housing two chapels has moved a step closer after lottery bosses awarded funding for detailed designs to be drawn up.

The plans to open the Lye and Wollscote Cemetery Chapels, which have not been used since 1993, have been backed by the Heritage Lottery Fund which means the group behind the plans can make an application for more funding.

West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust which is working to refurbish the site has been given £42,300 to work on a full grant application of just under £850,000 at a later date.

The project aims to repair the redundant building in Cemetery Road, Lye which houses identical Anglican and Non-conformist chapels - and bring it back into sustainable community and commercial use.

History experts say its a rare surviving example of two chapels within a single building.

The site which is owned by Dudley Council was severely at risk due to lack of use when volunteers at the West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust stepped in to save the building.

Now members are working towards taking full ownership of the building under an arrangement called asset transfer, supported by the council.

Tea dances held at centre

A COMMUNITY centre in Brierley Hill has started running weekly tea dances.

People can enjoy an afternoon of waltz, quickstep, cha cha and rumba.

The sessions will run from 2pm until 4pm every Monday at Nine Locks Community Centre in Hill Street. They cost £2 and Refreshments will be available in the interval.

Banding together for cash



Black Country Gaz, front, and band members get ready for the gig at JB's

A LIVE music night is being held tomorrow as part of a campaign to save Dudley Hippodrome.

Featuring performances from six local bands, the event is due to take place at JB's nightclub on January 25.

Money raised will go towards the campaign to save the derelict theatre, which could be demolished

to make way for a temporary car park. Campaigners have been fighting the proposals for the past year and want the building reopened.

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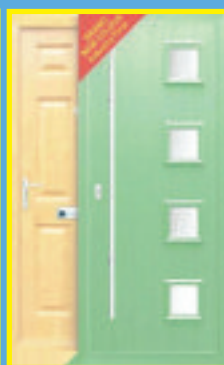
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NEWS

New chief takes over at Beacon Centre for Blind



Incoming Beacon chief executive Arwyn Jones, with Ian Ferguson

WHEN Ian Ferguson was appointed chief executive of Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind in June 2003, the charity was struggling to stay afloat having made a loss of £650,000 during the previous year.

But just a few months into his new job, former retail buyer Mr Ferguson had already got plans in place to transform the Wolverhampton Road East site's dilapidated buildings.

It took five years to raise the money needed for the £14million centre which opened in a blaze of glory and brought the charity into the 21st century.

Mr Ferguson, who lives with his wife Maureen in Much Wenlock, Shropshire, has now stepped down from running the charity. He said the completion of the multi-million pound project had been one of the highlights of his time there.

"I've done a lot in the nine-and-a-half years I've been at Beacon Centre and rebuilding the centre has probably been the biggest achievement. It's been great to see the charity really move forward in that time and hopefully I am leaving it in a strong position for my successor."

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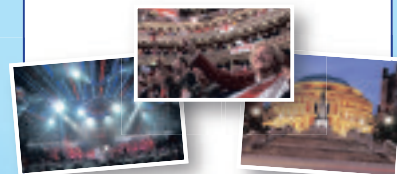
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THE WAY I SEE IT

Assistance pledge over the closure of npower operation

HAPPY new year to all readers.

I've been out again delivering calendars and talking to residents, this time with the help of Cheryl Billingham, Conservative Councillor for Kingswinford North & Wall Heath.

I was saddened to learn of npower's plans to wind down its operation in Kingswinford. npower is a major local employer and makes a significant contribution to the local economy and so I was disappointed to learn of the news via a phone call from the Express & Star rather than directly from the company itself.

I have pledged my assistance to any affected constituents who want my help and have also been in discussions with the company's management about the reasons behind their decision.

Inform

I discussed the planned closure on BBC Radio WM and I will be holding a meeting with senior managers at the company, a meeting which has been postponed once due to their inability to reach the meeting in the snow.

Several other constituency appointments were also postponed as people contacted me to inform me that they couldn't make our prearranged meeting in the snow.

One was the Environment Agency to update me on the situation with the waste pile in Brierley Hill and so we discussed the matter by telephone instead. To make sure

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



"Disappointed a major employer did not contact me with the news it was winding down in the town"

that I can continue to drive from the constituency to Westminster and back during this bad weather I had my winter tyres fitted to my car.

I then drove to Kingswinford Community Centre for my constituency advice surgery to find the barrier down, the car park covered in several inches of snow and the front door locked.

A room had been booked for my surgery in the usual way but the centre remained closed so I rang all of those who had booked appointments and offered to rearrange or visit their home that same evening.

I was pleased to be able to visit a number of constituents in the comfort of their own homes.

In Parliament I chaired the AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Combating Metal Theft,

which I founded over a year ago.

In that time we've helped to persuade the Government of the merits of banning cash payments for metal and the need to fundamentally reform the Scrap Metal Dealers Act.

At the meeting we heard from, amongst others, the Crime Prevention Minister, who gave us an update on the implementation of the cash ban and the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill, which is currently making its way through the House of Lords.

The Prime Minister has announced a £30 million boost to start-up loans to create thousands of new businesses and help young people find jobs in Dudley South and the Black Country.

This brings the total pot for start-up loans to more than £110 million over the

next three years and will see the age range extended to 30 years old, enabling more people to take advantage of this fund.

New figures have shown that in the first three months of the scheme alone, over £1.5 million worth of loans have been approved, helping nearly 500 new businesses get off the ground.

The West Midlands has received 14 per cent of the total loans which have been awarded so far.

Any entrepreneur in Dudley South with a start-up business is welcome to contact me for help, advice and/or a visit. For more information visit www.startupbritain.org/loans and www.startuploans.co.uk.

Quick

I'm looking forward to welcoming the Home Secretary, Theresa May, to Dudley South Conservative Association's annual dinner on Friday February 1.

If you're quick you can still book the last few remaining tickets - see www.dudleyconservatives.com/events, e-mail cheryl@dudleyconservatives.com or call 01384 349 541.

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Nick is back in the fray with venture



Managing Directors Nigel Morris and Nick Shutts in the warehouse at JG Foods, Kingswinford

NICK Shutts had planned a nice, relaxing early retirement when he sold his business in 2008.

The business, Julian Graves, had been sold on a number of times, but when Holland & Barratt bought it that year, the businessman from Bewdley decided to put his feet up.

"I went into retirement, spent some time with my feet up and I bought myself a sit-on lawnmower, as you do," said the 57-year-old from Bewdley.

"But when my old company was put into administration in July 2012, I thought it was maybe time to get somebody to sit on the lawnmower for me and to get back to work."

So JG Foods was created a month later and by mid-December had 10 shops open and had sold £500,000 in produce. The business, from its distribution base on the Pensnett Trading Estate, Kingswinford, sells dried fruit, nuts and confectionery at Grape Tree outlets across the country. The distribution centre employs 40 and Mr Shutts said he hopes to open at least 20 more stores during the course of this year. The first of these will be in Bedford with negotiations underway in Sutton Coldfield and Royal Leamington Spa.

Mr Shutts, who runs the company along with business partner Nigel Morris, said the company's short-term aim was for 50 shops.

Area plagued by 16 metal raids in just two months

A PRIMARY school and neighbouring homes have been hit by metal thieves who have struck 16 times in the last two months.

Hurst Hill Primary School in Coseley, has been attacked five times since November. Police are now warning residents to listen out for scratching or knocking noises – and check them out. Police have upped patrols after lead flashing was ripped from roofs and windows across the area, in some cases causing thousands of pounds of damage.

A 23-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of theft after £15,000 of air conditioning units and copper piping were stolen from a house in Whitehouse Street recently.

He was questioned by officers and has been released on police bail pending further enquiries.

Sgt James Jones, who leads the Coseley East neighbourhood police team, said: "Since November we've seen 16 metal thefts across the area and virtually all relate to lead flashing."

"Generally, metal theft has fallen by more than 60 per cent over the past year, but it seems we're having a spike in this one area."

"We've upped our patrols

by Louise Jew

and are targeting known thieves who may operate across this part of the Dudley borough, but we also want people living and working in Coseley and Hurst Hill to keep their eyes peeled.

"Anyone stealing flashing from windows or a roof would be fairly exposed to people driving or walking by, and it is likely to be noisy for people inside."

"If you happen to hear a scratching or knocking noise then check it out."

The crimes at Hurst Hill, in Paul Street, span from November 7 through to mid-December, with the thieves stealing lead from the roof on each occasion.

Sgt Jones added that some people thought it was a victimless crime but putting it right could cost thousands.

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Tony Hardiman goes on to say "We don't know how long the scheme will be available for so it's vitally important that those households that think they may be eligible should call us straight away to avoid disappointment – it's free and could make all the difference between a cold home – or a warm one."

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Tipping the Slag – a painting of industrial Black Country by Edwin Butler Bayliss (Picture: Christopher Bayliss)



Children playing on coal waste at The Lunt, Bilston, in the 1920s (Picture: Wolverhampton Archives)

'An angry sea of black shale'

THE work of the great Black Country painter Edwin Butler Bayliss now on display in Wolverhampton gives us an idea of what it must have felt like to look out over the pre-war landscape of the area.

In particular, it depicts a scene laid waste by mining and quarrying. Air pollution of the Black Country is well known – it's how many believe it got its name. But the long-term abuse of the land surface is less widely understood.

"Unlike anything else in England" is how the historian William Hoskins described it in the 1950s – and he had travelled about a bit.

He likened it to a strange desert, "a black, tormented Sahara... the aftermath of robber-exploitation of the earth".

Ten years before, while planning post war Black Country housing estates, the architect Charles Reilly poetically described the area as 'an angry sea of black shale'.

But all this devastation wasn't a product of the 1950s or the 1940s.

We can follow the trail of evidence

by Paul Quigley

Landscape archaeologist, the distinctly black country network

further back. In the early 1930s a planner wrote that the Black Country contained "twenty square miles where almost the only land not built up is covered by the refuse from disused pits".

Older evidence, in the photos of the 1920s for example, like the one here of kids playing on coal waste in Bilston, tells us that the state of dereliction has roots going further back.

Marked

In fact the problem of derelict land in the Black Country goes deep into the previous century.

One way we know this is a recent English Heritage study of the area – the Historic Landscape Characterisation.

This uses historic maps to trace the extent of dereliction. The map here is based on the study.

It shows the area of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall, and Wolverhampton marked with all the derelict land in

1939. At that point there was 38 square kilometres of it (14 square miles) in a pattern which traced the whole South Staffordshire coalfield.

This might be shocking enough (it was probably the most intense concentration of derelict land in Britain at the time).

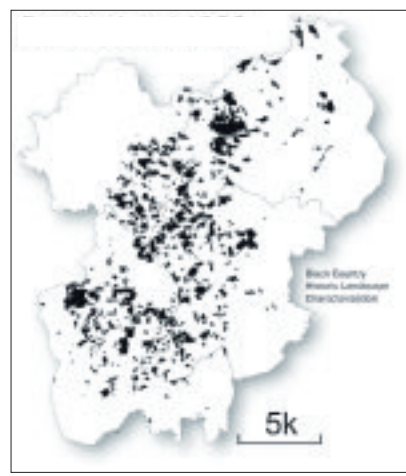
But the study reveals something else. It shows that nearly two-thirds of this neglected land had been in this state for at least 40 years.

Some was even older – two fifths of the waste land which existed in 1939 had lain around in that state since 1885 or before.

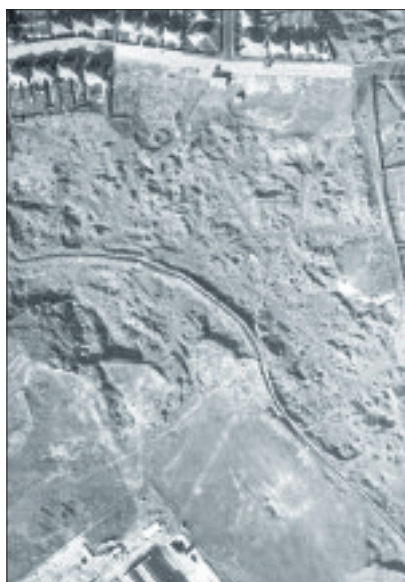
The fact is that, in the mid 19th century the unplanned rush to exploit mineral and other resources had brought the small area of the Black Country into a position of international economic significance. But it left a long-lasting scar on the local environment which arguably is still visible in the area today.

Edwin Butler Bayliss: Poet Painter of the Black Country is at Wolverhampton Art Gallery until April 27.

More information on derelict land in the Black Country is available at <http://distinctlyblackcountry.org.uk>



The swathe of derelict land in the Black Country in 1939



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Exciting merger set to offer more choice

Existing and new students at Stourbridge College can look forward to a great year in 2013 writes principal Lynette Cutting

THIS year, Stourbridge College, the region's best performing Further Education college, celebrates a successful Ofsted inspection and announces plans to merge with Birmingham Metropolitan College.

A recent Ofsted inspection judged us good for our overall effectiveness, outcomes for learners, quality of teaching, learning and assessment and the effectiveness of our leadership and management – with art & design achieving outstanding.

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The exciting merger will offer new opportunities for students with increased investment in facilities as well as improved progression links with international employers such as Samsung and BMW.

We've also enhanced courses by creating centres of excellence which are supported by strong employer links, providing education, training and support for students which they will be unable to get anywhere else.



Knockout – Gemma Small has joined Stourbridge College's boxing academy

Opening doors for you

The next open event takes place on Saturday, January 26, between 10am and 2pm.

Go along and see for yourself what courses are available, what kind of facilities are on offer and find out more about the merger.

If you want to get straight into work, the college offers employability skills to help you get a job.

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CHRISTMAS festivities all went off as planned. The group carol service at St. Pauls Church, Coven was well attended and two members from each group were invited to participate.

The Christmas meal at Essington Fruit Farm was an excellent night, the food was up to its usual high standard and there was much hilarity over the quiz and the raffle where everyone gets a prize. Thanks go to president Julie Hammersley for organising the evening.

Finally at the group's own Christmas party, members were entertained by The Codsall Singers who were all on top form. Another successful evening.

For the January meeting our speaker was Codsall butcher Alan Bennett, who told of his early days as a young boy when he first went into the butchering trade under the name of Gill's Butchers.

He has become well-known for his award-winning flavoured sausages, his latest being 'The Bucks Fizz' and his award was presented to him by Cheryl Baker one of the singers in the band of the same name.

The ladies finished the evening enjoying a few samples of sausage and pork pie. This was followed by refreshments and the raffle. The first prize was won by Mrs Bennett who had accompanied her husband for the evening.

Guest draws on his experience as artist



Speaker Geoff Tristram with chairman Mary Jones, right and speaker's secretary Pauline Handley with other committee members

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones welcomed 39 members and one visitor to the January meeting at the Kingfisher Hotel, Wall Heath when the management kindly treated everyone to a glass of sparkling wine to celebrate the New Year.

A three-course lunch was followed by the speaker Geoff Tristram, an artist and cartoonist. His talk was entitled 'Confessions of an Artist, which he illustrated with slides taken of his paintings and amusing stories.

Seven years ago he started writing and

DUDLEY SOUTH LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

has now published 10 very amusing books, which members were able to purchase.

The February meeting will be the AGM, in March Peter Shelly talks about 'A Handful of Straw' and in April Shirley Thompson, notary public - a local solicitor. A coach outing in the spring is under discussion.

Fun night kicks off new year

THE first meeting of the New Year was a social evening with games and quizzes.

Geography was put to the test and another teaser consisted of photographs of famous celebrities. While some were puzzling over these, others were playing

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scrabble, dominoes or connect four. Before the answers were given, the ladies stopped for refreshments. There was an assortment of savoury and

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Attraction
at reserve

WREN'S Nest Nature Reserve, Dudley, is hoping to attract first-time visitors by organising a walk this month.

The walk is part of Dudley Museum and Art Gallery's 100th anniversary of its public display of geology.

During the year each month will have a different geological theme and events at the museum and the nature reserve will run throughout the year.

On January 27 a two-hour guided walk aimed at those who have never visited the site before will introduce them to what makes the Wren's Nest so special.

It will also include a fossil hunt on the reserve.

People should meet on the car park on the Mons Hill College site, Wren's Hill Road, Dudley at 10am.

To book ring 01384 812785.

Row over
pub screen

A HAGLEY sports bar's outdoor large TV screen has been put up without planning permission – and parish councillors now want the volume turned down.

One neighbour has complained about noise from spectators watching sporting events at West One in Worcester Road.

The owners have now applied for retrospective planning permission. Councillor Jim Austin said: "I've been and watched it. It wasn't too bad." Parish council planning spokesman Peter King said: "We could ask that use of the TV is limited to 10.30pm."

Work is started on £2.6m revamp
to transform town's historic park

WORK is under way on a long-awaited £2.6 million revamp of Dudley's historic Priory Park. Under the plans, the pavilion will be extended to provide a modern visitor centre offering educational and community facilities. It is hoped work will be completed by the summer.

Toy shop latest
'victim' of Tesco
work disruption

A TOY shop has become the latest business in Stourbridge to close – with bosses blaming disruption caused by a multi-million pound town centre redevelopment for hitting trade.

Dudley Council says disturbance caused in a £50 million redevelopment of the Crown Centre, which will create a Tesco employing up to 320 people, will be worth it in the end and has appealed for people to be patient.

But traders say they are being hit by the work, with the three-year-old Rabbit and Rhino store in Market Street, now shut. The Harvest Moon gift shop, Victoria Passage, and Polka Dot Paradise ladies' clothes shop on the corner of Market Street and High Street blamed redevelopment work for their closure.

Disappearing

Rabbit and Rhino owner Lisa Homer said sales dropped almost 50 per cent due to building work, which started with demolition of Bell Street car park in April.

She said loss of parking, a dirty shopping environment due to the work, increasing charity and bargain shops along with disappearing independents and big retail names led to rapidly decreasing footfall. "I am sure the Tesco development will bring shoppers to Stourbridge but how many businesses can survive nearly two years of disruption?" she said.

Councillor Shaikat Ali said they tried to keep disruption to a minimum and asked people to bear with them because end results would be hugely beneficial. Tesco spokesman Jonathan Simpson said: "Once the Tesco development is open in September or October this year the town will have more additional visitors because of the footfall of the store."

It will include the provision of public toilets and act as a base for a park ranger.

The work includes new lighting for the old Priory ruins.

Extra trees are being planted, footpaths repaired and new signs installed.

There will also be resurfacing of the football pitch and bowling green.

The Friends of the Priory Park and Green and Dudley Council applied for just under £1.8m of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Thank

Councillor Tracy Wood said: "I'm delighted work is getting under way at Priory Park, it will enable us to preserve and restore this beautiful green space."

"We would like to thank everyone for their patience while we undertake this important work."

New artwork for the park, including medieval-style floor tiles, sculptural entrances and a 6ft statue of tennis hero Dorothy Round, has been designed by pupils from Castle High School, Priory Primary and Dudley College.

Miss Round was born in 1908 and attended Dudley Girls' High School.

She won Wimbledon in 1934 and 1937 and died in 1982.



Work starts at Priory Park watched by Friends of Priory Park, including, front from left, secretary Chris Rich, Councillor Tracy Wood and senior park ranger Lydia Wilde

New call on
school cars

SIXTH formers parking their cars at a road junction are causing congestion and traffic dangers, Hagley Parish Council was told.

Peter Rowbottom, of Kidderminster Road South, said students from the sixth forms at Haybridge High School and Hagley Roman Catholic High were parking near the junction of Sweet-pool Lane and Brake Lane.

Mr Rowbottom, who in May collected a 48-name petition calling on police to ticket cars and Worcester-shire County Council to put down double yellow lines, told the council recently that parking near the "double T" junction was "dangerous".

Hagley planning spokesman Peter King said the county highways department had decided it was an "enforcement matter". He said the department could look into changing traffic priorities.

Volunteers
to take over

VOLUNTEERS will take on grass cutting and grounds maintenance at Baggeridge Country Park as part of cost-cutting plans. A programme of £2.2 million cuts has been finalised by South Staffordshire Council which sets out the savings to be made in the coming months.

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What's On! *Dudley*

Farm Boy play at arts centre

NETHERTON Arts Centre is hosting a production of the follow-up to the hugely successful *War Horse* next month. *Farm Boy* is written by former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo.

It is described as a moving account of the changing face of the English countryside and a reminder that stories reach out across generations.

A general public performance will take place on February 26 at Netherdon Arts Centre, Northfield Road at 4.30pm and a school-group-only session at 1.30pm. The show is performed by The New Perspectives Theatre Company in a co-production with Scamp Theatre.

Singing workshop invitation goes on

A SINGING workshop will take place at a Stourbridge church. The choir at St Thomas's, Market Street will be running the class on February 2.

It will take place in the church hall from 10am until 3.30pm and will be led by director of music Jon Payne. No previous experience is necessary. To book a place, call Mollie Berry on 01384 373111 or Jo Bond on 01384 376143.

Artists on show

BRIERLEY Hill Society of Artists has opened an exhibition at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone. It runs until April 7 and features watercolours, oils, pastels and acrylics. The attraction is open Monday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

Rhydian on the Rocky road back for 40th anniversary

THE REGION'S theatres are back with a bang after panto season thanks to an acclaimed new version of a vintage Ealing comedy, the return of a raunchy rock musical favourite and a classic bodice-ripper.

Wolverhampton Grand stages *The Ladykillers*, a stage version of the 1950s British black comedy about an old lady pitted against a criminal gang, which has been revamped by Father Ted co-writer Graham Linehan.

It's on at the Lichfield Street theatre from Monday to Saturday and has a top-notch cast, including Michelle Dotrice (who was Betty in TV's *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em*), Clive Mantle and Cliff Parisi.

Bronte

Fresh from playing the lead role in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Ben Forster becomes Brad opposite Emmerdale's Roxanne Pallett as Janet, being seduced by Oliver Thornton's Frank 'n' Furter in the naughty *Rocky Horror Show*.

It's at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

They are likely to be upstaged by The X Factor's Welsh singing sensation



Michelle Dotrice as Mrs Wilberforce in black comedy *The Ladykillers*

Rhydian, who Time Warps back to the city where he was a student, wearing not much more than a posing pouch as Rocky in this 40th anniversary tour.

Hull Truck stage a version of Charlotte Bronte's gothic romance *Jane Eyre* at the Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton for three performances during Tuesday and Wednesday.



Everything is hunky dory for Rhydian, returning to Birmingham to camp it up in the *Rocky Horror Show*



Damn it, Janet - Ben Forster as Brad and Roxanne Pallett as Janet, held prisoner by singing alien sex addicts

Nice to see the Strictly dancers

Strictly Come Dancing, NIA, Birmingham

NICE to see them - and it certainly was. As the sixth *Strictly Come Dancing* tour opened to a packed Birmingham NIA the atmosphere was electric.

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Opening to the sounds of Gold from the *Strictly* singers - that's what the show was. Hosted again by bubbly Kate Thornton the tour boasted everything, stunning costumes, outspoken judges and dazzling dance routines.

The Magnificent Seven, as head judge Len Goodman referred to them, included reigning champion Louis Smith, Denise Van Outen, Phil Tufnell, Dani Harmer, Fern Britton, Lisa Riley, and Michael Vaughan.

Joining Len on the judging panel was the formidable Craig Revel Horwood and the excitable Bruno Tonioli but the final vote was down to the audience.

Louis picked up another win despite Denise scoring a perfect 60 from the judges. At the bottom were Tufnell and Vaughan.

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David James Elliott

Impact Channel 5, 6.20pm
If you like movies such as Independence Day, Armageddon and Deep Impact, then this offering made for a fraction of their budgets, should also appeal. The partial threat is a rogue asteroid hidden in a meteor shower which hits the moon. Before you can say: "It's the end of the world as we know it!", the satellite is on a collision course with billions of screaming folks. David James Elliott, Natasha Henstridge, Benjamin Sadler and James Cromwell play the protagonists trying to find a way to survive before Earth is turned into rubble.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Good Cook. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Rugby: Wales Grand Slam 2012. 1.30 Live Athletics: UK International Match. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 Animal Antics.
6.00 Richard Hammond's Secret Service. A woman's home is ruined by graffiti.
6.45 Britain's Brightest. Clare Balding hosts the game show in which six contestants aim to prove they have the brain power to claim the ultimate prize of £50,000.
8.00 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws with OJ Borg.
8.50 Casualty. It is the day of Yvonne's funeral and Jordan is shocked to receive a message asking him to visit the teenager accused of her attack, while her real assailant ends up in the ED.
9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes resorts to the internet to find a date for Valentine's Day. (R)
10.10 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Film: Meet the Parents. (2000) A male nurse makes a disastrous bid to impress his girlfriend's father - a former CIA agent who does not suffer fools gladly. Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller; National Lottery Update.
12.15 Film: Buster. (1988) 1.45 Weatherview. 1.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: The Black Rider. (1954)
7.05 Film: The Mouse That Roared. (1959) **8.25 Live Tennis:** Australian Open. **11.30 Map Man.** (R) **12.00 Indian Food Made Easy.** (R) **12.30 EastEnders.** (R) **2.25 Live Bowls.** **4.30 Jaguars Born Free: Natural World Special.** (R) **5.30 Flog It!** (R)
6.00 The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. Famous faces enter the Great British Bake Off tent. (R)
7.00 The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. Warwick Davis, Duncan Bannatyne, Simon Reeve and Andy Akinwolere enter the tent, with one of the contestants making the smallest cake ever seen on Bake Off. (R)
8.00 Dad's Army. The platoon takes an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. Classic comedy, guest starring Fulton Mackay. (R)
8.30 Natural World: Kangaroo Dundee. Part one of two. Documentary about a man living in the Outback who shares his one-room tin shack with baby kangaroos he has nursed back to health.
9.30 Howard Goodall's Story of Music. New series. The composer examines the history and development of music, beginning by looking back at the first faltering steps humanity took toward creating it.
10.30 Qi XL. With Sarah Millican, Jimmy Carr and Johnny Vegas. (R)
11.15 Film: Hard Rain. (1998) Action adventure, starring Christian Slater.
12.45 Bowls. 1.45 Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. 6.10 Handy Manny. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.15 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 8.05 Ultimate Spider-Man. 8.30 Victorious. (R) 9.00 Jessie. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.25 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 12.10 Live FA Cup Football. 3.00 Dinner Date. (R) 4.00 The Nation's Favourite Abba Song. (R) 5.30 Regional Programme: Weather. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed! Top 100 Holidays. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 vacation-themed canoodler calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips.
7.00 Splash! Omid Djalili, Jake Canuso, Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards, Charlotte Jackson and the two celebrities who progressed from heat three battle it out in the semi-final of the diving contest.
8.30 Take Me Out. A basketball player, a gym owner, a music journalist and a product designer enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness presents the dating show.
9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Jools Holland, Alicia Keys, Adam Hills and Rose Byrne.
10.45 ITV News: Weather.
11.00 FA Cup Football Highlights.
12.30 The Store. 2.30 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Beach Volleyball. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.05 Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.05 Channel 4 News.
6.35 4thought.tv. With some people believing the role of the godparent has been devalued in modern Britain, a member of the public talks about its relevance in an increasingly secular society.
6.40 Film: Mrs Doubtfire. (1993) A divorced actor disguises himself as an ageing female Scottish housekeeper to get a job looking after his own children. Comedy, with Robin Williams, Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan.
9.00 World Without End. Godwyn is outraged when Mother Cecilia rejects his plans to build a palace on the convent estate and issues an edict giving the Priory control over all town land.
10.00 Film: The Hurt Locker. (2008) An American bomb disposal team in Iraq is assigned a new leader whose reckless attitude puts all their lives at risk. Kathryn Bigelow's drama, with Jeremy Renner and Anthony Mackie.
12.40 Film: Cyrus. (2010) 2.15 Hollyoaks. 4.20 Smallville. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Celebrity Big Brother: Final. (R) 1.10 Film: Patricia Cornwell's At Risk. (2010) Mystery, starring Andie MacDowell. 2.55 Everything She Ever Wanted.
6.15 5 News Weekend.
6.20 Impact. An asteroid strikes the moon, knocking its orbit out of kilter and setting it on a collision course with Earth. Disaster drama, starring David James Elliott. (R)
9.45 Film: The Matrix. (1999) A computer hacker joins rebel fighters to free the human race from a virtual-reality fantasy created by machines. Sci-fi action thriller, with Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne.
12.30 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge. Michaela Strachan meets deadly lionfish, Ellie Harrison attends a dinner party in the desert, complete with chameleon guests, and Jamie Crawford joins a pod of dolphins. (R) 4.25 Great Artists. Tim Marlow examines the work of Dutch artist Jan Vermeer, who was renowned for his depictions of simple domestic life during the 17th century. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK, focusing on hidden curiosities and little-known facts about each location. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. Hana offers advice to Ernie. (R) 5.15 The Milkshake! Show. A curious parcel arrives at the house. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. Thomas takes holiday-makers on a trip. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Merlin 7.45 Doctor Who 8.35 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.45 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad!**
BBC Four
7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 8.00 The Treasures of Ancient Rome 9.00 Borgen 11.00 The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold
ITV2
5.40 Film: Robots (2005) **7.25 Film: Back to the Future** (1985) **9.45 Take Me Out - The Gossip 10.30 Fake Reaction 11.15 Film: The Fugitive** (1993)
ITV3
4.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Film: In the Name of the Father (1993)
ITV4
2.25 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) **5.30 Live Africa Cup of Nations. Algeria v Togo** (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.30 Mourinho 9.30 Film: Escape from New York** (1981) **11.35 Film: American History X** (1998) **E4**
3.35 Rules of Engagement 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00 Film: Drilbit Taylor (2008) **11.05 The Big Bang Theory**
Film4
3.20 Arthur's Hallowed Ground (1986) Comedy drama, starring Jimmy Jewel. **4.50 Journey to the Center of the Earth** (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **6.40 The Land Girls** (1997) Wartime drama, starring Anna Friel. **8.50 Green Zone Interview Special 9.00 Green Zone** (2010) Paul Greengrass' thriller, starring Matt Damon. **11.10 White Noise** (2004)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 27.01.13

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CHOICE



Mark Jenkins

The Hotel
Channel 4, 8pm
Admittedly, it can't be easy running a hotel; having the ability to keep everybody happy all the time and doing it through those stubbornly gritted teeth with a pseudo-friendly grin plastered across your face. But if Basil Fawley can do it, Mark Jenkins is going to make damn sure he can. But he wants to go over and above running a hotel with a so-so reputation that simply ticks over – he wants to broaden The Grosvenor's horizons and attract new guests. Mark ventures into new territory as he plans an Indian night – complete with singing, dancing and lavish feast.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Call the Midwife. (R) **2.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.25** Chatsworth. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Africa. (R)
6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Blandings. Clarence needs someone to keep his niece Gertrude company, while Freddie has married a Portuguese girl – now all he has to do is conceal the fact from Connie.
7.00 Countryfile. A visit to south Wales, finding out what is being done to rejuvenate the sand dunes on the coast and hearing about a mass German escape from a Bridgend prisoner-of-war camp in 1944. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Call the Midwife. The unexplained death of a newborn baby delivered by Cynthia puts the midwife under intense scrutiny, a chance encounter returns Jimmy to Jenny's life and Chummy pursues a dream.
9.00 Ripper Street. Reid and his team investigate a string of well-executed robberies, bringing Drake into conflict with his former army colonel.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Prisoner Number A26188: Henia Bryer. A Jewish woman who survived four Nazi concentration camps.
11.05 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
11.45 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.
1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. **7.00** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **7.30** A to Z of TV Gardening. **8.15** Live Tennis: Australian Open. **12.00** Coast. (R) **1.00** Film: Cowboy. (1958) **2.30** Live Bowls. **5.15** Ski Sunday.
6.00 Flog It! Paul Martin is joined by Charlie Rose and Mark Stacey to value items in Monmouth, south-east Wales, including a selection of Babes books and a pocket globe. (R)
6.30 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. Kate Humble and Dr Helen Czerski follow the Earth's trip around the sun from January to the March equinox. (R)
7.30 Open All Hours. Pilot episode of Roy Clarke's comedy about miserly shopkeeper Arkwright and his put-upon nephew Granville. Starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason. (R)
8.00 Top Gear. New series. The motoring magazine returns. Jeremy Clarkson builds a small car and pitches the concept in the Dragons' Den and Damian Lewis is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
9.00 Wonders of Life. New series. Professor Brian Cox travels around the world to investigate whether the emergence of life was an inevitable consequence of the physical laws that govern the universe.
10.00 Racing Legends: Colin McRae.
11.00 Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop. A profile of the rock band. (R)
12.00 Film: Intermission. (2003)
1.40 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
2.40 Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Rated A for Awesome. **8.15** Rated A for Awesome. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** House Guest in the Sun. (R) **10.20** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **11.20** May the Best House Win Live la France. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **2.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.25** Regional Programme; Weather. **3.30** Live FA Cup Football.
6.05 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 Dancing on Ice. The nine remaining stars compete in a school disco-themed show.
7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Actress Sheree Murphy and Towie star James Argent take part.
8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The contestants who landed in the bottom two earlier tonight perform new routines as they battle for a place in next week's show. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present.
9.00 Mr Selfridge. Prima ballerina Anna Pavlova agrees to visit Selfridges, but Agnes's job looks to be under threat when a violent fire reaches breaking point and gatecrashes the event.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.20 FA Cup Football Highlights.
11.20 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.
12.15 Grimefighters. (R) **12.40** The Store. **2.40** Monk. (R) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Will & Grace. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Film: Annie. (1982) **4.25** Time Team. **5.30** Deal or No Deal.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. Members of the public talk about the role of godparents.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. A week of dinner parties in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, featuring an American-themed evening, a Wild West-style bash and unusual delicacies including ostrich egg and pig's ears.
8.00 The Hotel. The Grosvenor hosts an Indian-themed night, featuring dancing, singing and a lavish feast – which falls well below the expectations of one millionaire guest.
9.00 Film: The Fighter. (2010) Premiere. Fact-based drama following boxer Micky Ward's rise to a world championship bout, with the aid of his drug-addicted brother. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale.
11.20 Film: The Firm. (1993) After the murder of two of his colleagues, a law graduate discovers the company that has head-hunted him is controlled by the Mafia. Thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman.
2.05 Honeymoon. (R) **2.40** St Elsewhere. (R) **3.25** Smallville. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Florets. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milk. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jam. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Monkey Life. (R) **11.40** Once Upon a Time. (R) **12.40** Film: Teen Wolf. (1985) **2.30** Film: See Spot Run. (2001) **4.20** Film: The Princess Bride. (1987)
6.10 News Weekend.
6.15 Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco.
9.00 Person of Interest. Reese recovers from being shot.
10.00 Film: My Best Friend's Girl. (2008) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Dane Cook, Jason Biggs, Kate Hudson and Alec Baldwin.
11.55 Botched Up Bodies. Part two of two. A woman left with 10lb of excess skin after losing 15st. (R)
12.55 SuperCase. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride – Best Ever
8.00 Film: Cool Runnings (1993)
9.30 World's Craziest Fools **10.00** Crazy for Party Drugs **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Timeshift: Of Ice and Men **8.00** Holocaust: A Music Memorial Film from Auschwitz **9.30** Mark Knopfler: A Life in Songs **10.30** Film: Love Like Poison (2010) **11.50** Arena: Dave Brubeck: In His Own Sweet Way
ITV2
4.00 Film: Toy Story (1995) **5.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **8.00** The Best of You've Been Framed! **9.00** The Magaluf Weekend **10.00** Film: Wanted (2008)
ITV3
3.40 Lewis **5.40** Murder, She Wrote **6.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** Film: The Graduate (1967)
ITV4
1.55 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **4.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. Morocco v South Africa or Cape Verde v Angola (Kick-off 5.00pm) **7.30** Police, Camera, Action! **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Apocalypse Now (1979)
E4
4.30 Revenge **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** New Girl **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Fame (2009) **10.05** The New Normal **10.30** 2 Broke Girls **11.00** My Mad Fat Diary
Film4
3.05 The Iron Giant (1999) **4.45** Rebound (2005) **6.30** Marley and Me (2008) **8.50** Django Unchained Interview/Special **9.00** Aliens (1986) Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver.

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Film Choices

MONDAY

Assassins, Channel 5, 10pm

Hitman Robert Rath is planning to quit his lethal profession, especially when he is stalked by a ruthless younger assassin who has no qualms about killing innocent bystanders. But as Rath takes on his last assignment, he decides to protect his intended target after his rival comes gunning for her. Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas. (1995)

TUESDAY

Fifty Dead Men Walking, BBC1, 11.55pm

Fact-based thriller telling the story of Martin McGartland, who was recruited as a police informant in 1980s Belfast and sent on a mission to infiltrate the IRA. He rose swiftly through the ranks, providing vital information to the British authorities. Once he was exposed, he was tortured and forced to go into hiding. Starring Jim Sturgess and Ben Kingsley. (2008)

Paper Moon, Channel 4, 2.55am

A Depression-era conman meets a canny nine-year-old orphan, whom he realises could be his daughter, and agrees to take her to her aunt. Along the way, he realises the little girl is just as cunning as he is, and they form a successful criminal partnership. Drama, starring Ryan O'Neal alongside real-life daughter Tatum. With Madeline Kahn and Randy Quaid. (1973)



The Ring 2, Wednesday, BBC1, 12.05am

WEDNESDAY

The Ring 2, BBC1, 12.05am

Journalist Rachel Keller and her son try to rebuild their shattered lives, moving from Seattle to Oregon and starting afresh. However, the vengeful spirit of Samara follows, and this time she is determined to destroy them. Sequel to the horror remake, starring Naomi Watts, Simon Baker and David Dorfman. (2005)

THURSDAY

Navy Seals, Channel 5, 10pm

The US Navy's elite commando force embarks on a dangerous covert mission to rescue hostages from an Arab terrorist in Beirut. However, the assignment proves far more serious than expected when they realise their enemies have acquired powerful stolen missiles. Action adventure, starring Charlie Sheen. (1990)

FRIDAY

The Last Samurai, Channel 5, 9pm

The emperor of Japan recruits an American Civil War veteran to train his troops in a bid to wipe out a rebel faction of samurai warriors. The soldier is taken captive when the imperial army is defeated, and comes to respect his enemies' traditions and code of honour. Historical adventure, starring Tom Cruise. (2003)

Pick of the Week

There's no cheesy role for returning Martine

Well, we've witnessed some extraordinary demises in Midsomer Murders, but here's one that really takes the biscuit – death by cheese.

Yes, you really did read that correctly. And what's more, the character involved is played by former soap princess Martine McCutcheon. TV really can be a bizarre concoction at times...

McCutcheon is actually rather good as Debbie Moffett, who is crushed to death by a giant round of cheese at the award-winning dairy where she worked, just hours after an argument at a parents' council meeting at Midsomer Pastures Prep School.

It's been a while since we saw McCutcheon acting, and it seems she enjoyed being back on the box.

"I'm a troublemaker in the episode which is set around a posh prep school. My character is well-to-do and feisty, she's not Tiffany from Albert Square. It's great to do something I wouldn't normally do, as she's not a nice piece of work."

Certainly after Debbie's body is discovered, her colleagues seem

more concerned about the state of the cheese than the woman herself – which probably tells you everything you need to know about her standing in the community.

Barnaby and Jones are also suspicious about the fact that nobody had a bad word to say about her – surely somebody somewhere must have had a crossed word with her at some point.

Eventually, the truth comes out. Debbie's daughter was about to be expelled from school; she was there on a scholarship which comes with strict rules not only for the pupil, but their parents too – and Debbie had broken one by having an affair with her boss, ex-rugby international Gregory Brannan.

Later, another body is found, this time with its mouth full of maggots. What can this mean?

Barnaby believes the answer lies in the dairy – every scrap of evidence the police finds seemed to be linked to it. But picking it all together is where the hard work really starts.

McCutcheon has been performing professionally since the age of 12

when she landed a role in an advert. Modelling assignments, bit parts in TV series and appearances in music videos followed. She then had a stint in girl band Milan before EastEnders' bosses came calling.

She spent four years in Albert Square as Tiffany, with her final episode gaining 22 million viewers.

Since then, her career has been hit-and-miss, with a stint as a pop star and successful roles on stage in My Fair Lady and on the big screen in Love Actually proving to be the highlights.

But maybe happiness in McCutcheon's private life is about to signal a return to stardom – she recently tied the knot with singer-songwriter Jack McManus.

She says: "We are best friends as well as lovers and totally supportive of one another. We feel that we can conquer anything the world throws at us as long as we have each other, and that's a rare thing."

Perhaps this could be her perfect moment at last.



Martine McCutcheon stars in Midsomer Murders, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Lewis

ITV, 9pm

In this concluding episode of a two-part story, Lewis realises that pallbearer Liam Jay was beaten up and left for dead because he knows something about Whitty's death. The killer then turns their attention to Liam's girlfriend, and only some quick-thinking by the veteran detective saves her from death when the narrowboat on which she lives is set alight. Hathaway's jaunt to Kosovo soon comes in handy too – Lewis finds out that the Faulkners have a farmhouse in Croatia that may hold vital clues, so he sends his pal to take a look around.

Rory and Will – Champions of the World Channel 5, 9pm

Rory McGrath and Will Mellor – an odd coupling you may think, but they actually work well here. The duo's remit is to become the best in the world at a selection of bizarre events. They begin by journeying to King's Lynn, home of Alan Cooper, the supreme Reliant Robin racer. The famed three-wheelers are driven to near destruction in each race, as Will soon finds out; Rory, meanwhile, adopts some cunning tactics that might just ensure an unlikely win. After that, they try some more sedate pastimes, including coin-tossing, thumb-wrestling and pea-shooting.

TUESDAY

Emmerdale

ITV, 7pm

As a one-time teen mum, Debbie should know the signs that a young girl is about to get out of her

depth. So, when she spots 14-year-old Belle putting make-up on at the bus stop, and then heading back to the empty Dingle homebased arm-in-arm with Luke, she decides to tell Lisa what's going on. The concerned mother rushes home to find the teens canoodling on the sofa and forcibly separates them before warning Luke never to come back.

Dallas

Channel 5, 9pm

Like one of Ewing Oil's lucrative drilling sites, there's a rich seam of nostalgia to be gleaned from this slick revamp, but the loss of Larry Hagman last year was bound to leave fans moist of eye during his final performances. (Fans may note that a full episode later in the season will be devoted to JR's death). This week, Christopher attempts to gain the upper hand in his divorce from Rebecca Sutter (Julie Gonzalo). However, a bombshell soon scuppers his plans, so most of the family puts their differences aside and joins forces. Elsewhere, Ann (Brenda Strong) and Bobby face an alarming secret from her past when Harris Ryland (Mitch Pileggi) blackmails her.

WEDNESDAY

Derek

Channel 4, 10pm

Last April, Ricky Gervais played Derek Noakes, a seemingly autistic 49-year-old care worker who worked at

Broadhill retirement home. It was one of the most touching, original comedy dramas of 2012, and now he's back directing, producing and starring in the first of a six-part series inspired by that pilot. Broadhill faces closure following a visit from the council, but the home's manager, Hannah (Kerry Godliman) is determined they stay open and rallies Derek, Dougie (Karl Pilkington) and Kev (David Earl) to raise money for the home.

THURSDAY

The Secret Life of Dogs

ITV, 9pm

Millions of people in Britain share their homes with a dog but how much do we really know about our four-legged friends? Don't worry, this documentary, narrated by Martin Clunes, isn't a shocking exposé about the dark side of canines, but it

will give us a new insight into their behaviour, and their incredible hearing and sense of smell. We also get to find out how dogs are putting these 'super powers' to work as we hear from the people who owe their lives to a mutt, including Maureen Burns, who believes her collie cross Max detected her breast cancer before the doctors did.



Rory and Will – Champions of the World, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

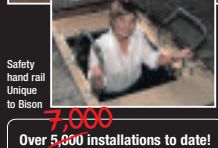
Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe BBC2, 10pm

When it comes to weekly TV review shows, BBC Two has the genre sewn up with The Culture Show and highbrow The Review Show covering similar territory. Thankfully Charlie Brooker has never been a member of the stroky chin brigade, and is more likely to ridicule those who are as here he takes a satirical look back at the events of the past seven days, whether it's news, telly, video games or anything else that winds him up. "Weekly Wipe will be a sort of Omnivore, encompassing Newsweek, Screenwipe, Gameswipe and 'Stuffwipe', for want of a better phrase," he Tweeted recently. Some may dislike Brooker's tone, but in a world of slick presenters who look great but say little without hearing, he's always a breath of fresh air.

FRIDAY Coronation Street ITV, 7.30pm

So what if he's charming, well-spoken, and his idea of romance doesn't involve sharing a pack of pork scratchings in the Rovers Return? Lewis is still a wrong 'un. Not content with planning to break Gail's heart and empty her bank balance, the conman is also blackmailing Kylie. He informs the horrified barmaid that he won't tell the rest of Weatherfield know that she could be carrying Nick's baby on the condition that she gets him the password to her mother-in-law's bank account. Meanwhile, Gail is getting ready to tell her family that she's moving to Italy using the £40,000 she's borrowed against the house, but her lover is nowhere to be seen – has he already done a runner with her cash?

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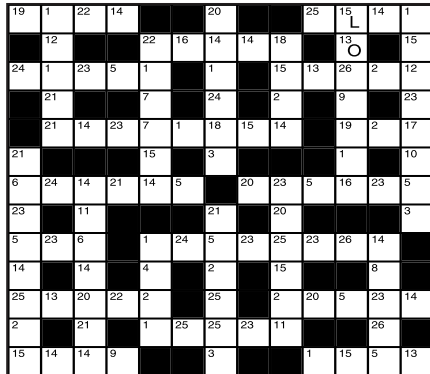
What's On!

Brain Gym

No.205

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Cryptic Clues:

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- Sounds like a narrow channel without curves (8)
- A spot for a vertical descent (4)
- Not bound to be without charge (4)
- Replacement footballer to command group (8)
- I'd come back with transport for this piece of furniture (5)
- Remove what was once a religious article (7)
- They have a stirring influence beneath the surface (13)
- How large towns are populated? Hardly! (8)
- A good deal of money on the carpet (4)
- A place from which to direct what precis writers do (7)
- Clean up the lottery (5)
- Book coming my way? (4)
- Star skater is out of place here (8)

Down

- Twist - or it's no change (7)
- To declare how old a person is - that's mean (7)
- Those who are busy doing homework (5-8)
- A second draft is made when the warden returns north (7)
- The sea-trip could be ruined by them (7)
- Kind of board for securing bricks (6)
- In a high position to begin with, he's only just made good (7)
- Drawing a grid differently before morning (7)
- Go back to do some more sowing, we hear (6)
- Authorise me to return to governing office (7)
- They prepare the ground for producing steering devices (7)

Quick Clues:

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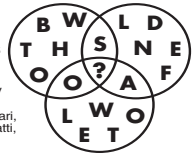
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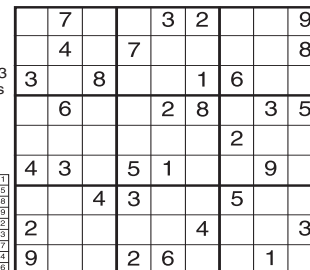
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Great ideas come from outside the storage box

STYLISH storage has suddenly been transformed into a stunning addition for any home. Our desire for streamlined, contemporary interiors means we're demanding attractive and imaginative ways of dealing with today's ultimate interiors sin - clutter.

Designers are responding by creating solutions which store possessions efficiently - and make a style statement at the same time.

"Many of us have to live in homes much smaller than we might desire," says interior designer Joanna Wood (www.joannawood.co.uk).

"Generally, we also underestimate the number of possessions we have by about a third, which can lead to a storage conundrum. But that doesn't mean you have to abandon your design ideals.

"With thought and careful planning you can make the most of every inch of space using beautiful solutions combining function and good looks."

A calm atmosphere is essential in living areas. Open shelves and cupboard storage can allow treasured and decorative items to stand while everything else is concealed but to hand.

"In contemporary interiors there's no room for jarring clutter," says Wood. "Storage has become an art form which enhances rooms and is at the top of the list when designing an interior. Sleek doors which open at a touch are popular, while others have handles that are a feature in themselves and made in materials such as leather, mother-of-pearl or crystal.

"The key to success is to recognise no space is too small to store something. Every corner, recess or landing can be utilised to provide a home for belongings. Even stair treads can be transformed into drawers."

Imagine you're a visitor to your home and look at your possessions objectively. Make lists of items you could discard, current storage that needs de-cluttering and an area which could be used for new storage. Avoid fitting hand-height flat surfaces as it's all too easy to fill them with objects that never get moved.

A bespoke system which caters for every storage need is hard to beat. A contemporary Cream Lounge system starts from around £3,000, Neville Johnson.

It's vital that a home office feels organised and conducive to work in. This room will often be multi-purpose and used by different members of the family as a den or homework area as

It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution to tackle the clutter in your home. Gabrielle Fagan comes up with some smart and good-looking storage solutions

well as an office, and ideally each person will need their own allocated storage," says Wood.

"Nowadays, these are planned down to the last inch in the same way as fitted kitchens. Enclosing everything within fitted cupboard doors reduces distractions and makes the whole area feel organised."

If a whole room's not available, she advises making the most of an awkwardly shaped area, such as a loft or under the stairs, with built-in storage



Organised, but at a price! For the ultimate in home storage solutions have a look at this cream lounge library, from £3,000 by Neville Johnson

for an office. Use wasted space behind a door or on the wall over a desk by hanging organisers with pockets.

A wall-hung board like Vitra Utensilo White, from £173.40, Heal's, with its integral solid pockets, is ideal for clutter which would normally litter a desktop.

Having problems sleeping in a bedroom that's bulging at the seams with clothes? Both are sure signs that your storage is inadequate.

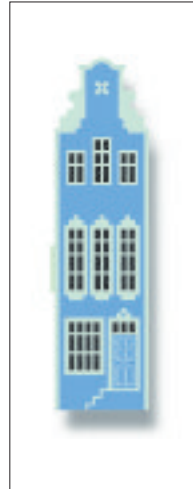
"This is a room where you want a

tranquil, calm atmosphere and as little clutter as possible," says Emma Sims-Hilditch, partner at furniture company Neptune.

"Try to have in it only the things you need, rather than allowing it to become a part-time ironing room or office."

"The investment of commissioning built-in bedroom furniture is worthwhile if you plan to stay in your home for the foreseeable future."

Calculate your storage requirements (how many metres of hanging and



Dutch townhouse cupboard, £130 Pretty Dandy



Animal Farm crate storage units: Goose, £550; Pig, £995; Cow, £3,495, Alexander & Pearl

folded storage you need, and don't forget space for shoes), before visiting a bedroom furniture specialist.

"A divan bed with fitted drawers or under-bed storage boxes can provide valuable extra storage."

Consider raising the height of your wardrobe rail so you can fit storage boxes or a shoe rack beneath hanging clothes.

Children's rooms seem to shrink as the inhabitants grow and gather their multitude of toys and possessions.

"Children have more need for storage than anyone else. But whatever solution you choose it should be easy for them to use so they can learn as early as possible to do their own tidying," says Wood.

Modular storage systems, which can be added to as the child and its possessions grow, are a good solution.

Position drawers close to the floor so children can reach them. Also look for soft close actions on drawers and storage boxes.



This newly-built stone-fronted cottage in Bridgnorth is on the market with All Morris for £250,000

New cottage in village location

A RECENTLY-BUILT individual stone-fronted cottage in a village outside Bridgnorth is for sale priced at £250,000.

The accommodation at Apple Tree Cottage, Chorley, briefly comprises of three bedrooms, family bathroom, 20ft through lounge, kitchen with range of integral appliances, hall and guest cloakroom and side garage - and with south-facing gardens.

The property was built around 2006 for the current owner and is fitted out to an exacting standard, set back behind a gated gravel driveway and stone wall and with a neat front garden.

Inside a reception hall has a central feature staircase and landing, and there is a guest cloakroom with white suite including vanity unit. The lounge/dining room has a

log effect gas fire with double doors to the garden patio and also to the fitted kitchen with a range of cabinets and integrated appliances including electric double oven, ceramic hob, canopy hood, fridge freezer and dishwasher.

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On the first floor are three bedrooms, the bigger two with built-in wardrobe/closet space, while the bathroom has a white suite of shower, wash hand basin, panelled bath and WC.

The side garage is of larger than average size with plumbing for automatic washing machine, while to the rear is a paved patio terrace and two steps up to a lawn garden with countryside views.

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A VERY DECEPTIVE and DISTINCTIVE, TRADITIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a highly desirable cul-de-sac position, having been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, providing HIGH SPECIFICATION and TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation which includes UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: Reception Hall, Guests Cloakroom/WC, Lounge Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, second Sitting Room with Breakfast Room off, luxury refitted Kitchen with appliances, THREE BEDROOMS plus first floor STUDY and luxury refitted Bathroom. FULL WIDTH BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE sectioned to Laundry Room and a large BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT LARGE, SUNNY AND PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£334,950**DUDLEY****Elmstone Close (Off Richborough Drive)**

Enjoying TREMENDOUS VIEWS, an OUTSTANDING, significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors since construction in 2005 to an exemplary standard. Accommodation entrance vestibule, large well equipped 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 16'2" through dining room (with french doors out to garden) & a sitting room (also with french doors out to garden). Principal bedroom suite (lofty ceiling height) with doors to balcony commanding panoramic views & a dressing room (with potential), three further bedrooms (one with shower room en suite) & stylish house bathroom. DOUBLE BRICK GARAGE & additional parking, large landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £232,950**Wall Heath****Brook Crescent**

A LARGER STYLE, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, superbly located within a desirable area with good schooling, enjoying a superb open rear aspect, offering EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, all ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, large Lounge through to spacious Dining Room, generous fitted Kitchen with appliances, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted Bathroom. Front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY and a GENEROUS REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

189950**KINGSWINFORD****Balfour Road**

This GENUINELY SPACIOUS, REFURBISHED & STYLISHLY IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOME forms one of the favoured LARGER DESIGNS, being a later addition to popular Blanford Mere and offering EXPENSIVELY RE-APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, generous attractive Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, stylish luxury appointed kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, luxury fitted contemporary style Classic White Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Block-paved Forecourt, rear Patio and level southerly / sunny lawned rear garden with GARAGE and REAR DRIVE / PARKING. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£188,950**SEDGLEY****Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate**

A tremendously EXTENDED, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached envably situated in favoured cul de sac. Stylish accommodation has been 'transformed' since initial purchase & comprises reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, outstanding L-shape breakfast kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**WALL HEATH****Summerfield Avenue**

Enjoying a sought after location, this LARGER STYLE TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating/ improvement and provides much potential to enhance the VERY WELL PROPORTIONED and GENEROUS layout which includes: Reception Hall, Lounge with walk-in bay, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and part UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With FRONT DRIVEWAY, side garden and a private rear garden. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£164,950**Brierley Hill****Smithy Lane**

Enjoying ATTRACTIVE COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS to both the front and rear, this BEAUTIFULLY and THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers ATTRACTIVELY RE-APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge, beautifully re-appointed dining kitchen with appliances, utility / W.C. office / playroom, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. With lawned fore garden, BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN benefitting the delightful rear aspect of the fields / countryside beyond. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£152,500**PENSNETT****Commonside**

This considerably extended, significantly improved, UPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, five bedroomed Semi Detached Home provides truly versatile family space, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, splendid through Lounge / Dining Room, extended Kitchen with a fine range of units, Garden Room, five good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Block Paved Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£149,950**WALL HEATH****Victoria Street**

Superbly located within this mature and highly sought after address, only a short distance from the heart of Wall Heath village and its local shops and amenities, this TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires some updating and improvement, but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, rear porch, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART DOUBLE GLAZING. With low maintenance fore garden, LONG DRIVEWAY, WOODEN GARAGE and good sized rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950**KINGSWINFORD****Standhills Road**

Enjoying a LONG DRIVEWAY to fore, within this very popular and sought after address, just a short distance from the heart of Kingswinford, this IMPRESSIVELY DECEPTIVE MID TERRACE FAMILY HOME offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation, including TWO RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, separate dining room, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances, utility room, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, enlarge classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and MOST UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY and paved frontage and enjoying a LARGE REAR ASPECT which benefits from a PRIVATE REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£114,950**Gornal Wood****Musk Lane**

A quaint, significantly extended/gas centrally heated & part double glazed detached family home with further potential conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Vendor's advise original cottage section dates back to early 19th century with subsequent inter-war & more recent extensions & the flexible accommodation comprises through 17ft entrance vestibule/hallway, sitting room, bedroom, lounge (with winding staircase up to two further bedrooms on first floor); to remainder of ground floor is a through dining kitchen, a large bedroom (with doors out to garden & presently sub-divided to create two bedrooms) & a bathroom. Extensive parking, sheltered garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £225,000**WALL HEATH****£5,000 REDUCTION****Cross Street**

This SPACIOUS, EXPENSIVELY REFITTED 2 / 3 BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys an IMPOSING CORNER SETTING in this favoured address just a short walk from village amenities and countryside to offer. Fine 15' Hall, Generous Lounge with French windows to garden, separate Dining room/Bedroom 3, BRAND NEW FITTED BREAKFAST / KITCHEN in light oak, TWO FURTHER DOUBLE BEDROOMS, LUXURY FITTED BATHROOM. Gas central heating and UPVC Double Glazing. BROAD FRONTAGE with in/out Drive/Parking, side lawns and drive to GARAGE and GENEROUS REAR LAWNED GARDENS. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£214,950**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****Southern Close**

A SUBSTANTIAL and EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is superbly located upon this highly sought after modern development, offering EXTREMELY GENEROUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor W.C., spacious large Lounge, separate Dining Room, attractively fitted kitchen with appliances, Utility Room, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS (Bedrooms 1 and 2 with SHARED EN-SUITE) and House Bathroom. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasantly laid out rear garden with patios/lawn and PRIVATE REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£209,950**NETHERTON****SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS****Cinder Bank**

Presenting a rare opportunity, this most impressive, surprisingly spacious, double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed detached bungalow is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. This property lends itself to further enlargement (subject to relevant Planning), and briefly comprises: entrance porch, generous hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, three double bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, garage, driveway, and extensive rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£184,950**COSELEY****Strathern Drive, Hurst Hill**

A significantly enhanced, ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached former showhome occupying PROMINENT CORNER PLOT with good distant views. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, reappointed cloakroom, enlarged lounge, enlarged transverse dining room (with patio doors), upgraded 15'9" kitchen with fine range of 'birch' effect units & a garden room beyond. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, landscaped/secured rear garden with gated access to SECURE PARKING (& a former garage). EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**WALL HEATH****£5,000 REDUCTION****Victoria Street**

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW VERY SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is pleasantly situated within this highly desirable location, offering GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, very large lounge with dining area off, extended and refitted kitchen with built in appliances, utility room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom and SUPERB LOFT. Set back beyond the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and enjoying an EXCELLENT SIZED and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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£169,950**LOWER GORNAL****Robert Street**

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS! - Highly individual, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, gas centrally heated & mostly UPVC double glazed DETACHED conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The conscientiously maintained accommodation includes reception hall, 15ft lounge, 17'5" dining kitchen (presently sub-divided to form separate kitchen & dining room areas) with patio doors out to the garden, landing, three double bedrooms, bathroom, Carport, separate toilet, delightful well tended rear garden with wide range of shrubs/plants & ample parking to front. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

Tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi character envably situated within reasonable/level walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garage with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**BRIERLEY HILL****IMMACULATELY PRESENTED****Bromley**

This MUCH IMPROVED AND VERY WELL PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING to comprise: Entrance Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, Dining Room, SPENDID MODERN KITCHEN with a fine range of units, Utility, Guest Cloakroom/W.C., three good Bedrooms (Master with fitted wardrobes), re-appointed Bathroom with white suite and separate Shower Cubicle. Large Driveway and with a pleasant Rear garden. VIEWING ADVISED. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £149,950**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****Monteagle Drive**

Pleasantly situated upon the fringe of much sought after and respected Charterfields, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED AND WELL PRESENTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, spacious full depth Lounge-with-Dining Area, attractively refitted Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and re-appointed Shower Room. With attractive foregarden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with UTILITY AREA and PLEASANTLY SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950**SEDGLEY****Brownsall Road**

Conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & double glazed semi detached upon favoured development convenient for so many amenities/schools, etc. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with enlarged bay, kitchen, pantry, lobby. Three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy garage, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**KINGSWINFORD****£3,000 REDUCTION****Chelford Crescent**

BACKING ONTO ESTABLISHED TREES within this very popular address upon High Acres, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Large Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, spacious full width Lounge, extended and attractively refitted Dining Kitchen, Three good sized Bedrooms and refitted Bathroom. With front garden, DRIVEWAY and enjoying a PLEASANTLY SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**BRIERLEY HILL****NOW AVAILABLE****Seagers Lane**

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME has MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation, which is seen to briefly comprise: Entrance Hall, attractive sitting room, Dining Kitchen with a fine range of units, three Bedrooms, fabulous Bathroom with white suite, Garage and Driveway to rear, and a pleasant, lawned Garden. Available with No Upward Chain. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£134,950**QUARRY BANK****VIEWING RECOMMENDED****Bower Lane**

This conscientiously maintained, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached family home is situated in an established residential location, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, through living room, extended dining kitchen, guest wc, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage/store, driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£134,950**TIPTON****Silverthorne Avenue, Foxyards**

An absolutely outstanding, fastidiously maintained & tremendously improved, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) semi detached upon favoured development. Superb accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room, transverse brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, garage, utility room, fitted cloakroom, delightful gardens, block paved front drive. STAMP DUTY EXEMPT. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950**WORDSLEY****£5,000 REDUCTION****Haden Close**

An EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED AND INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS MODERN SEMI DETACHED HOUSE, superbly situated within a small cul-de-sac with LARGE DRIVEWAY to the fore, providing a ready to move into layout of BEAUTIFULY PRESENTED accommodation with REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, GAS CENTRAL HEATING comprising: Reception Hall, Fantastic Large 18ft +Lounge with Dining Area, Recently Refitted Luxury Kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO VERY LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS both with Avanti fitted wardrobes and Modern Bathroom with shower. LARGE DRIVEWAY and a delightful enclosed sunny Rear Garden with private aspect. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£119,950**NETHERTON****VIEWING ESSENTIAL****Hampton Street**

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN THREE BEDROOM HOME affords an excellent layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING to comprise: Entrance Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, REALLY LOVELY DINING KITCHEN, Three Bedrooms and Splendid Bathroom with white corner suite / separate shower cubicle. Tidy foregarden, Garage and with a STUNNING REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £104,950**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Donnington Court, Capitol Heights**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A particularly stylish, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed first floor apartment covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee forming part of an attractive block on periphery of Milking Bank Neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities. Entry phone system to communal parts with stylish accommodation comprising central reception hall, two double bedrooms, part tiled bathroom with white suite (chrome details), magnificent 22'9" through lounge/breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'charcoal grey' work surfaces with 'high gloss white' units & various integrated appliances. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £99,950 NOW £89,950**NETHERTON****£4000 REDUCTION****Talbot Road**

This well presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home provides surprisingly spacious living accommodation, and may represent an ideal first time buy. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£95,950**UPPER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Stonepine Place**

A comparatively SPACIOUS, double glazed, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, Top floor apartment with tremendous distant views conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. 'Entry phone' style access system with accommodation including: reception hall, store, two double bedrooms, lounge with bay, 15 ft breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £89,500, NOW £86,500**QUARRY BANK****Grosvenor Way**

This two bedroomed, double glazed townhouse is situated in a popular residential location and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, kitchen, transverse lounge, two double bedrooms, bathroom, and gardens to front and rear. Early inspection is strongly advised. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£79,950**HOLLY HALL****EXCELLENT POTENTIAL****Oakwood Crescent**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed mid-terraced property now requires sympathetic modernisation/improvement, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, driveway and rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£74,950**UPPER GORNAL****Duke Street**

A tremendously modernised & improved, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC single glazed first floor flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in popular neighbourhood. Recently re-decorated & upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, living/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various appliances, double bedroom, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, store & an airing cupboard, communal grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £64,950**DUDLEY****Edenbridge View, Milking Bank Neighbourhood**

50% SHARE FOR SALE - A well presented & conscientiously maintained UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached set at head of cul de sac in favoured neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, 15ft L-shape lounge, transverse dining kitchen, store, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (wardrobes to remain), bathroom, neat rear garden and extensive tarmac/acadam parking to side. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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£184,950

**Dudley
SELBORNE ROAD**




An impressive three storey traditional four bedroom end terrace house with hallway, through lounge and dining area, kitchen with dining area, cellar, utility room, downstairs wc, garage and garden to the rear

£139,950

**TIPTON
Field Road**



A spacious three / four bedroom detached bungalow with lounge with dining area, office/4th bedroom, fitted kitchen, shower room, detached tandem garage, front and rear gardens and off road parking.

£159,950

**NETHERTON
Racemeadow Crescent**



A modern three storey three bedroom town house, master bedroom and second bedroom on 2nd floor, both with ensuite, lounge and dining kitchen on 1st floor, third bedroom on ground floor with shower room and utility, rear garden, garage, driveway. Furnished

£650 pcm

**NETHERTON
Bell Road**



Three bedroom mid terrace. Two reception rooms. Fitted kitchen and utility area. Sun room. Main bedroom with en-suite. Central heating & double glazing. Unfurnished. Available for long term. Dss considered with guarantor.

£495 PCM

**WEDNESBURY
Clarkson Road**



A two bedroom first floor apartment with fitted kitchen, lounge and bathroom. Unfurnished. May consider dss with guarantor. Available for long term rent.

£450 pcm



**Dudley
RICHBOROUGH DRIVE**




An immaculate three bedroom detached house with en-suite to master bedroom, lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, driveway and garage

£169,950

**Oldbury
REGAN DRIVE**

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**Coseley
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**DUDLEY
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A three bedroom modern semi detached house with lounge, kitchen with dining area, downstairs wc, upstairs family bathroom and garden to the rear

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**DUDLEY
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**DUDLEY
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**Wall Heath
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A four bedroom detached house located in the heart of Wall Heath with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear and driveway to the front

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**Dudley
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**Lower Gornal
FIVEWAYS COURT**




A three bedroom three storey end terrace house that has been recently refurbished throughout with hallway, lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, two bedrooms and bathroom on first floor and master bedroom on second floor. Secure entry system and allocated parking

£117,000

**CRADLEY HEATH
Archer Gardens**



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**COSELEY
Bank Street**



A two bedroom ground floor apartment with electric heating and double glazing. Lounge, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Off road parking, unfurnished, no DSS, no pets.

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**DUDLEY
Stourbridge Road**



A one-bedroomed apartment with fitted kitchen, bathroom, secure entryphone system, secure car park to rear for two cars per apartment. Internal inspection vital to appreciate these high quality apartments.

£425 pcm

**LOWER GORNAL
Peak Drive**



A two bedroom apartment with secure entry system, lounge, fitted kitchen, shower room, communal gardens and allocated parking

£52,950

**TIVIDALE
Hoylake Drive**



Located in this highly desirable location this three bedroom detached house briefly comprises of lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£164,950

**TIVIDALE
Darbys Hill Road**



A three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, further reception area, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens to the front and rear and driveway

£179,950

**DUDLEY
Lingwood Hall, St James Road**



Two bedroom 1st floor apartment with lounge and dining area. Fitted kitchen with appliances, master bedroom with ensuite. Bathroom with shower. Allocated parking and secure entry. Unfurnished. No Dss. No pets. Available now to view.

£550 PCM

**TIPTON
Tibbington Terrace**



A three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, upstairs bathroom, garage and garden to the rear.

£550 pcm

**ROWLEY REGIS
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A Detached Three Bedroom Lounge & Dining Areas Fitted Kitchen Ground Floor Cloakroom Double Glazing Where Stated En-Suite Central Heating System Garage To The Rear Driveway

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BERRINGTON DRIVE

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Open Plan Lounge Double Glazing Where Stated Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom Conservatory Front And Rear Garden Driveway Cul-De-Sac Location

£129,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

BRIERLEY HILL



BRYCE ROAD

EPC Ratings Available Two Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Kitchen Double Glazing Where Stated Gas Central Heating System Corner Plot Driveway Gained Via Gateway

£96,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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HODGES DRIVE

EPC Grading C Four Bedroom Modern Detached Lounge Dining Room Fitted Kitchen Master Bedroom Having En-Suite Bathroom Double Glazing Where Stated Gas Central Heating

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DEEPALE LANE

Four Bedroom Semi Detached Two Reception Rooms Basement Level Having Bathroom & Bedroom 4/Lounge/Extended Kitchen/Utility Room/Elevated Views To Rear Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Driveway No Chain

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BAKER STREET

An Improved Mid Townhouse Two Bedrooms Entrance Porch/Conservatory/Lounge/Low Maintenance Rear Garden Driveway Parking Ideal First Time

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DALVINE ROAD

EPC Rating Available Two Bedroom Semi Detached Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen Bathroom Upstairs Double Glazing Where Stated Rear Garden No Chain

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

Detached Modern Two Bedroom Large Living Room Extended Fitted Kitchen Breakfast Room Utility Room Ground Floor Cloakroom Driveway To The Rear Gained Via Courtyard Road Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Extensive Rear Garden Viewing Recommended

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BATH STREET

Three Bedroom Extended Link Detached Two Reception Rooms Breakfast Kitchen Bathroom Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Utility Room Car Port Garage Front and Rear Garden

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BRIERLEY HILL



RODWAY CLOSE

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge & Dining Room Conservatory Kitchen & Bathroom Detached Garage To The Rear Driveway

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LOWER GORNAL



LAWNSWOOD ROAD

An Extended Semi Detached Residence Three Bedrooms Through Lounge Extended Kitchen Utility Room Breakfast Room Ground Floor Cloakroom Bathroom Double Glazing Where Stated Gas Central Heating System Garage No Upward Chain

£135,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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KETLEY HILL ROAD

EPC Ratings Available An Improved Two Bedroom Semi Detached Through Lounge Kitchen Double Glazing Where Stated Gas Central Heating System Rear Garden Viewing Recommended

£106,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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BRIDGE STREET

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RED LION CLOSE

EPC Grading D Three Bedroom Detached Occupying Corner Plot Lounge Kitchen Diner Bathroom Upstairs Garage Double Glazing Where Stated Rear Garden Conservatory Drive

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TIVIDALE



TRAFALGAR ROAD

Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Kitchen/Diner Bathroom Double Glazing Where Stated Gas Central Heating System Rear Garden Driveway No Upward Chain Ideal For First Time Buyers

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WEST AVENUE

Await EPC Grading An Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Fitted Kitchen Diner Bathroom Upstairs Double Glazing Where Stated Gas Central Heating System Rear Garden No Upward Chain

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GREEN PARK ROAD

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A Modern Two Bedroom Mid Townhouse Lounge Kitchen Cloakroom Double Glazing Central Heating Garage En-Block Close To Amenities

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Brierley Hill



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Three Bedroom Semi Detached - Ideally Located For Merry Hill Business and Shopping Centre - Fitted Kitchen - Lounge - Conservatory - Garage And Driveway To Front

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UPPER GORNAL



EDMUND ROAD

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Extended Kitchen Breakfast Room Ground Floor Bathroom Good Size Bedrooms Double Glazing Central Heating Block Paved Driveway

£550 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

Tividale



Regent Road

A Much Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Fitted Kitchen/Diner Downstairs WC Utility Area Rear Garden Parking To The Front

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THE BROADWAY

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£595 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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Guide Price:
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SWINDON
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A Unique Five Bedroom Detached Dormer Bungalow with a Detached Annexe/Outbuilding Situated In This Sought After Location.

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Guide Price:
£575,000



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A Luxury Development of Six Stylish Apartments Located in the Much Sought after Village of Kinver.

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REGENCY COURT, DIBDALE ROAD WEST,
DUDLEY
Guide Price:
£149,950

An Immaculately Presented Ground Floor Exceptional Apartment In A Popular And Convenient Location.

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Guide Price:
£149,950



OAKHAM ROAD,
DUDLEY
Guide Price:
£119,950

A Well Maintained Semi Detached Property In Need of Some Cosmetic Updating

EPC = C. The Accommodation Comprises: Sitting Room, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms & Bathroom, Externally There Is A Garage, Driveway & Rear Garden.

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- A detached property extended to provide 4/5 bedrooms
- Two reception rooms • Breakfast kitchen
- Utility. • Guest cloakroom
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- Gas central heating
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GROSVENOR ROAD

- Attractively presented traditional semi
- Lounge with dining area
- Modern kitchen with integrated appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted bathroom with corner bath
- Garage, utility at rear
- Well kept gardens
- Epc band D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY



MASLIN DRIVE

- Well maintained 3 Bed semi
- Spacious lounge/dining room
- Extended modern kitchen
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Extra wide garage with utility facilities at rear
- Off road parking
- Epc band E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY



STRATHERN DRIVE

- A modern 3 storey town house
- Excellent size accommodation
- Utility room & guest cloakroom
- Living room and modern dining kitchen
- Three bedroom and house bathroom
- Rear garden
- Garage and off road parking
- Epc band D

Offers in the region of £124,950

LOWER GORNAL



ELAN CLOSE

- Modern three bed semi-detached
- Perfect first time buyers property
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Lounge, open planing dining area/kitchen
- Guest WC
- Well maintained garden
- Off road parking
- Epc band C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

COSELEY



HIGH VIEW

- A traditional town house on the cusp of Sedgley/Coseley
- Recently refurbished to a high standard
- Modern, excellent size Dining Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Contemporary bathroom with new suite
- Driveway parking • GARAGE
- Centrally heated & Double glazed
- Epc band C

Offers in the region of £119,500

COSELEY



PAINTERS CROFT

- Modern style three bedroom semi
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Two reception rooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Pleasant landscaped rear garden
- Driveway parking
- Epc band C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114,750

DUDLEY



DENBEIGH CLOSE

- Stylish & Modern semi-detached
- Generous sized lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms
- En-suite off master bedroom
- Upvc double glazed throughout.
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Epc band D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500

UPPER GORNAL



ROCK STREET

- Modernised mid terrace property
- Two reception rooms
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Modern upstairs shower room
- Gas Central heating
- Upvc double glazing (majority))
- Epc band D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £111,950

BRADLEY



ATTLEE CRESCENT

- Ideal first time purchase/buy-to-let
- Spacious family home
- Two reception rooms
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Epc band D

IOFFERS IN THE REGION OF £89,950

WOODCROSS, COSELEY



BEACH AVENUE

- A traditional three bed semi
- Open plan dining room/lounge
- Good sized kitchen
- Family bathroom & separate wc
- Gas central heating
- Majority double glazed
- Off road parking
- Epc band E

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JANUARY is the perfect time to start the search for your new home.

Taylor Wimpey is offering a range of incentives at its sought-after developments across the West Midlands to help buyers beat those post-Christmas blues and get on or move up the property ladder.

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Popular

Elaine Taylor, regional sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "People's wallets often feel the pinch at this time of year, so we have a range of incentives and schemes to help you make a fresh start in a new dream home, whatever your circumstances."

"Whatever your situation, come and talk to our experienced team of sales advisors to see how we can help make buying a new home in the West Midlands one resolution you don't break this year."

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An artists' impression of the Chesterfields – a typical Taylor Wimpey home

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Primrose Gardens, off Northfield Road,

Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9JA. Includes one-, two- and three-bedroom houses, with prices starting from £84,995.

Call 0845 026 4012 or visit the site open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm.

Further information about Taylor Wimpey developments across the region is available by calling 0121 703 3400 or by visiting www.taylor-wimpey.co.uk/westmids.

Varieties throwing potatoes a lifeline

THE wet weather over the past couple of years has prompted reports of poor harvests, smaller and less tasty fruit and veg and claims that the nutrients the rain has washed away from the soil will affect the health value of our home-grown produce.

Among the crops worst hit in vegetable patches across the country is the humble spud, a staple of the British menu for centuries, whether boiled, mashed or chipped.

And while gardeners throughout the UK will be celebrating National Potato Day with events up until the end of the month, experts are now warning that gardeners must start to grow a mixture of varieties to stem the loss of crops to late blight.

Affected plants develop brown spots, especially around the edges of the leaves, the stems turn brown and potatoes develop scabby cankers that lead to brown patches inside the tubers which soon rot.

Bob Sherman, chief horticultural officer of charity Garden Organic, warns: "Rare types of potatoes are under threat. There isn't much that the amateur gardener can do to protect potatoes from blight."

"Late blight is a very rapidly evolving organism. It's not quite a fungus. It's quite closely related to seaweed, but it acts like a fungus. Spores flow about in the air, usually coming from old tubers left in the soil which haven't been harvested from the previous year because they've been missed."

"Most of the old varieties of potato are highly susceptible and even ones that were thought to be resistant have succumbed to new strains of the disease. We used to think that Cara was blight resistant, but it isn't any more. A whole range of interesting textures and flavours from old varieties are under threat."

Incessant wet weather causes both disease and physical problems with pota-

As national potato day approaches, leading charity Garden Organic warns persistent wet weather is posing a real threat to the future of rare varieties. Hannah Stephenson reports

atoes, he continues. The tubers can't be lifted because the ground's too heavy and soggy.

"When potatoes get too much moisture, you might get one or two huge potatoes under the soil instead of a nice little clump of medium-sized tubers. The huge ones might be hollow inside or just not very tasty. Dry weather tends to enhance flavour, but wet weather reduces it."

Late potato blight has been the scourge of crops during excessive wet weather, he says.

However, some gardeners have turned to a resistant variety which is keeping blight at bay. David Shaw, research director of the not-for-profit Sarvari Research Trust in North Wales, and his team developed a range of blight-resistant 'superspuds', known as Sarpas, first bred in Hungary.

Available in red, white and blue, from Thompson & Morgan and some garden centres, they are now being grown by gardeners who don't want the plight of blight.

"The disease evolves all the time, a bit like flu, so there's always a new strain. The Sarpas varieties David Shaw has been working with seem to be coping with all the changes," says Sherman.

Grow spuds in pots and bring them under cover later in the year. Blight usually strikes from July onwards, depending on the weather and which part of the country you live in. You can enrich your soil with plenty of organic matter, but if the weather's damp, it won't make any difference to blight, because the spores are carried in the air.

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£249,950**SEDGLEY****NORTHWAY**

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge with an archway leading to the dining room, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a downstairs w/c, a utility room, an outside laundry room, double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a tandem garage and a beautiful rear garden. EPC Rating D

£249,950**BROADLANDS****CHARLECOTE DRIVE**

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a double garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating D

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A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D

£214,950**MILKING BANK****ASCOT DRIVE**

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a spacious breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating D

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£177,950**SEDGLEY****LIMES VIEW**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D

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A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£169,950**SEDGLEY****WOODBANK ROAD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a shower room, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£169,950**SEDGLEY****COPPICE CLOSE**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room/dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£162,950**MILKING BANK****GAINSBOROUGH PLACE**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a superb fitted kitchen with open access to the dining room, three bedrooms, a magnificent bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating a garage that has been subdivided to create a playroom and a storage area, a driveway and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£159,950**LOWER GORNAL****WINRUSH CLOSE**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£159,950**FAIRVIEW PARK****MANDERSTON CLOSE**

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden. EPC Rating C

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A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful rear garden that incorporates a workshop. EPC rating E

£126,950**LOWER GORNAL****RUITON STREET**

A three bedroom home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£122,950**COSELEY****BERRINGTON DRIVE**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, a driveway, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£117,950**EARLS KEEP****HOPTON GARDENS**

A two bedroom mews style home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating C

£116,950**UPPER GORNAL****TENACRE LANE**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC Rating C

£102,950**COSELEY****ANDERSLEIGH DRIVE**

A two-bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, Economy 7 heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E

£99,950**SEDGLEY****THE WALK**

A two bedroom semi detached home that would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement to create a lovely home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a through lounge, a dining kitchen, a downstairs w/c, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating F

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Priory Road Dudley

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This beautiful four bedroom detached property located in the village of Lower Gornal having of road parking to the front with electric security gates, integral garage, fully modernised, conservatory to rear, landscaped divided garden. Viewing highly recommended. Ideal family home. Energy Rating D

Lissimore Drive Tipton

235,000

An immaculately presented four bedroom property with two reception rooms, dining kitchen, two en-suites plus family bathroom, conservatory, garage, double glazing where specified, central heating. A perfect family home & must be viewed to appreciate the size of accommodation. Energy Rating C

Paganel Drive Dudley

215,000

Connells are pleased to offer in this sought after location a well presented spacious three bedroom property having the benefit of two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, upstairs bathroom, double glazing as specified, central heating. Off road parking and a well established rear garden. Energy Rating E

New Rowley Road Oakham

189,950

A detached bungalow, comprises porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, sitting room, dining kitchen, bathroom, cloakroom, three bedrooms, double garage, front and rear garden, roof terrace, gas central heating, double glazing as specified. Energy Rating F

Jews Lane Upper Gornal

157,500

A detached bungalow, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, versatile utility room, two bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Energy Rating E

Kew Drive

139,950

A detached property on a corner plot with no upward chain, accommodation briefly comprises porch, two reception rooms, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, gardens to the rear, double glazing as specified, central heating. Energy Rating D

Tower Road Tividale



A well presented semi detached comprises entrance porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen, dining room, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, block paved driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, central heating as specified. Viewing recommended. Energy Rating D

The Crescent Dudley

124,950

Located in a home share cul-de-sac the three bedroom extended semi detached property comprises: open plan lounge and kitchen, conservatory, fully furnished. Ideal first time buyer purchase family home, landscaped garden, central heating, double glazing as specified. Must be viewed. Energy Rating B

Springfield Crescent Dudley

120,000

An extended semi detached property, comprises entrance hallway, lounge, extended dining room, extended fitted kitchen, w.c., first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, central heating as specified. No Upward Chain. Energy Rating D

Denbigh Close Dudley

119,950

A modern semi detached property set in a cul-de-sac location, accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, central heating. Viewing highly recommended. Energy Rating D

Stable Court Gornal

112,500

A well presented town house set in a cul-de-sac location, accommodation briefly comprises lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, central heating. Energy Rating C

Havacre Lane Bilston

89,950

An ideal investment opportunity this three bedroom detached property offers tremendous scope for improvement. With two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom it's an ideal project. Energy Rating G

Roseland Avenue Dudley

80,000

A semi detached property accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs bathroom, lounge, kitchen, dining room, garden to rear, first floor having three bedrooms and w.c., off road parking. Energy Rating E

Oakham Road Oakham

£69,950

A three bedroom mid terrace, accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, central heating as specified. Energy Rating E

Ivanhoe Street Dudley

64,950

A traditional mid terrace, accommodation briefly comprises lounge, kitchen, dining room, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear. No Upward Chain. Energy Rating D

Green Park Road Dudley

59,950

A three bedroom semi detached property accommodation comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs shower room, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking, gas central heating, double glazing as specified. Energy Rating D

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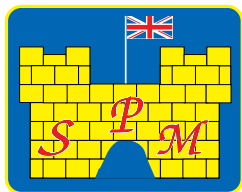
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British-built Honda CR-V scoops magazine award

HONDA'S British-built CR-V has scooped the '4x4 of the year' honour from Total 4x4 Magazine.

The judges put the CR-V up against several respected rivals, and after being picked as the best in the 'medium SUV' segment, it became a contender for the overall 'best of the best' title, which it duly won.

Total 4x4 Magazine's testing process is comprehensive, ranging from interior quality, comfort and practicality to repeated drives of a set road route by different judges.

Alan Kidd, the publication's editor, says: "Never before have there been so many likely candidates for the overall title.

"However, from the moment we started crawling around inside the CR-V, it was clear

Honda had hit the jackpot. The quality of its interior is on a par with the best, and its flexibility is exceptional – and that was before we actually drove it.

"Seldom has a new 4x4 put such a big tick in so many boxes. It takes an awful lot to impress us these days.

"The new CR-V didn't just impress us, it made our jaws drop."

Treat

Dave Hodgetts, managing director of Honda, was thrilled with the honour.

He says: "For the new CR-V to take its first award so soon after launch is a real festive treat for everyone and a fantastic way to end the year.

"We hope it will be the first of many."

The new CR-V is in dealerships now, with prices starting from £21,395 OTR for the



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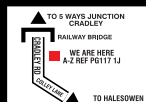
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No local heroes as four are beaten

PRIZEFIGHTER couldn't produce a local hero at Wolverhampton Civic Hall as both Stourbridge men lost at the first hurdle.

Midlanders went out first as Glenn Foot won £34,000 in the eight-man, three-rounds-a-fight contest.

Stourbridge's Sam Eggington and Steven Pearce, Birmingham's Calum Cooper and Stafford's Rob Hunt made early exits but banked £4,000 each.

Saturday's welterweight show saw Eggington become the youngest to appear in Prizefighter, beating Patrick Mendy's record by 180 days, in a battle with Dale Evans.

The 19-year-old is a two-time national amateur champion for Warley ABC, winning the Clubs for Young People and ABA Novice titles. But he has had just three professional fights.

Fought

He walked on to a right hook and was close to being on the deck, but fought back. Judges ruled for Evans, one by 30-27. Others gave Eggington a round.

Pearce attacked Foot in an even first round but, in the second, dropped his head as Foot put in a right hook which hit the back of the skull. It could have been deemed illegal.

Pearce beat the count but was quickly stopped. As Cooper tackled Chad Gaynor he took a pasting and was stopped in the first.

Hunt, against bookies' favourite Mark Thompson, was ruled unable to continue after a cut under the eye.

A semi-final saw Thompson against Evans and the latter edged through 29-28. Foot, through on points against Gaynor in the other semi, took a razor-thin split decision for the title.

Birmingham's bantamweight Kal Yafai stopped Mexican Gonzalo Garcia in four rounds.

Fans can meet Heathens heroes

THE Dudley Heathens 2013 speedway team will meet fans at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Friday, March 1.

The event includes a disco, raffle and auction. Tickets are available from the online club shop at dudleyheathens.co or by calling HSSC on 07766 745681.

Tickets are £3 for HSSC members and £5 non-members.

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First team return to winning ways in style

Kingswinford 8 Stafford 2

BAD weather claimed Kingswinford's matches at the weekend. But the previous week, the firsts returned to winning ways in style as they opened the second half of the season.

Kingswinford had edged the earlier meeting between the sides 3-2, but eventually finished well clear in this return fixture. The first 10 minutes were hard-fought with both teams going close; Kings keeper Tim Sanders made two good saves and captain Colin Morris fired just wide at the other end.

Kings were first to make the break-

Kingswinford Hockey Club

through when Ajay Sandhu scored from a penalty corner after neatly evading the defenders.

The home side then extended their lead by another two before the break; Cole Hickman slammed home on the reverse before Sandhu converted a rebound from the keeper's pads for his second goal.

Minutes into the second half, Billy Jawanda fired home to make it 4-0.

Stafford got a goal back after a mix-up, but Kings regained their composure and scored again when Bal Lally cleverly lobbed

the onrushing keeper. With the score at 5-1, Kings were assured of the points and began to play a relaxed passing game. This led to Jawanda scoring again after composed play by Sam George set him up for an easy finish.

Stafford scored again, but drag flicker Mark Wilson found the target twice from penalty corners to round off the game.

Ludlow 2 Kingswinford 1

Kingswinford seconds turned up in a state of disarray for this early match at Much Wenlock against Ludlow.

With four players running late and Kingswinford starting the match with nine men, it took a mammoth effort to keep a

young and vibrant Ludlow side at bay.

With a full complement of 11 players after 15 minutes, Kings took the match to the hosts and took the lead.

Takhar and Bhadal played a one-two before the latter slotted home. However, Ludlow equalised just five minutes later - a soft goal scored on the counter-attack. Kings pressed in the second half and missed a couple of good chances.

They then lost the ball in midfield and conceded a short corner from which Ludlow grabbed the winner, despite the efforts of keeper and man of the match Glenn Dunn who was making his seconds debut.

Stour aim to beat Blues in last eight

STOURBRIDGE are bidding to add a second prestigious scalp in the Birmingham Senior Cup.

The Glassboys put out holders West Bromwich Albion and have drawn Birmingham City at home in the quarter-finals.

The match will take place at the War Memorial Athletic Ground on Tuesday, February 5 (7.45pm).

Stourbridge's postponed Evo-Stik Southern Premier home match against AFC Totton, which was called off last month because of a waterlogged pitch, has been rearranged for Tuesday, February 12 (7.45 pm).

Their trip to Banbury United on Saturday fell victim to the snow and ice; a new date for the match is to be announced soon.

Guest

Meanwhile, former Wimbledon FC and Sheffield United boss Dave Bassett will be the guest speaker at the club's next Sportsman's Evening on Friday, March 1.

The event will be held in the Glassboys Bar at the War Memorial Athletic Ground from 7pm and will feature comedian Rod Beech.

Dave Harry Bassett has been involved in football for 50 years, firstly as a player and then as a manager with various clubs - including most famously his time as boss of the 'Crazy Gang' at Wimbledon.

More recently he has been doing media work and will share stories of his time in football.

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JASON OUTCLASSED BY CHAMP FRANKIE

ROWLEY REGIS' Jason Welborn was out-classed by a superb performance from British welterweight champion Frankie Gavin as his title dream ended at Walsall Town Hall.

Welborn was stopped on his feet by referee Ian John-Lewis after previously being put down by a right hook to the body, as Gavin gave him short shrift in his first defence.

From the opening bell, Gavin's hands and feet never stopped moving as he gave Welborn the runaround before firing off jabs as he moved in and out of trouble.

Welborn looked flat-footed with tactics successful in Midland title defences against James Flinn and Scott Haywood.

As he got room to use his power Gavin used skill to ensure he didn't go the same way. Welborn landed a right hook to the body in the second but Gavin fired back a right uppercut that dazed his opponent, forcing him to clench as he recovered.

Cornering Gavin, Welborn let his hands go but his opponent used head movement to spot an opening and then jab his way out.

Decider

It was one-way and the decider came in the seventh as a shot dropped Welborn to his knees, although he managed the count.

He hadn't recovered and went into the ropes under more shots and, with Gavin connecting at will despite him covering up, the man in the middle acted swiftly.

Walsall's Martin Gethin took the vacant British lightweight crown at Walsall Town Hall against Hove's Ben Murphy.

Pressure told in the ninth. Gethin made height and range count to pin Murphy back before hooks to the body, referee Marcus McDonnell intervening.

Walsall's Christopher

by Craig Birch

Keane made it a home double, taking the vacant Midlands cruiserweight belt by halting Shane McPhilbin.

McPhilbin, British champ at the turn of last year, took an uppercut to the jaw but answered the count before visiting the canvas again, twice, with body shots. In the third Keane, 2009 ABA super heavyweight champ as an amateur, had the edge.

Two first-round stoppages opened the show before Box-Nation cameras went live.

Cannock's 'Handsome' Dave Egan, in with Ricky Stock at welterweight, brought his guard down with hooks on the gloves, before a knockout right.

Birmingham super-middleweight Andrew Robinson put down Leamington Spa's John Mason three times, the last a flurry from both sides, three seconds before the end of the session.

As BoxNation's broadcast started rolling, Stafford's Grant Cunningham stepped up to six rounds against Mitch Mitchell.

Cunningham put him down in the corner with a stinging right hook to the body in the fourth round, but 'Mad' Mitchell survived to the end.



Jason Welborn, right, attacks in his plucky attempt to relieve Frankie Gavin of the British welterweight title

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